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INSCRIPTIONS CUNÉIFORMES

DU

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LES

Cylindres de Gudéa

Cylindre B

PUBLIÉ DANS SA FORME ARCHAÏQUE

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Le cylindre B de Gudéa, comme les autres cylindres du même patési, est en terre cuite. Ses dimensions sont de 0 m. 33 c. de diamètre sur 0 m. 56 de hauteur. Il comprend 24 colonnes. Il n'est pas aussi bien conservé que le cylindre A; néanmoins on a pu, en réunissant avec soin tous les fragments, le recomposer presque en entier. Plusieurs colonnes sont incomplètes; il manque des parties de cases aux colonnes XIV et XV, ainsi que la fin des cases 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 de la colonne XVIII. Les colonnes XIX, XX, XXI, XXII, XXIII, n'ont que quelques cases. Toute la partie supérieure des cases XX, XXI, XXII et XXIII a disparu.

J'avais pensé au début que les fragments des cylindres C et D pouvaient appartenir en partie au cylindre B; mais en comparant les cassures de ces fragments à celles des colonnes incomplètes, la largeur des colonnes, et surtout leur circonférence, j'ai reconnu que je faisais erreur; c'est cette recherche qui m'a amené à reconstituer les deux cylindres C et D.

De même que dans le cylindre A, le texte du cylindre B est plus serré dans les premières colonnes: cependant il est mieux coordonné dans son ensemble.

Le style de l'écriture varie un peu. En général les caractères sont plus allongés, et l'on sent que le scribe avait plus de place pour disposer son texte. Il y a parité de style dans le texte des quatre cylindres de Gudéa; mais dans le cylindre B les clous transversaux sont pour un même signe

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bien plus nombreux. L'ordre de l'écriture est le même que dans le cylindre A.

J'ai reproduit le texte presque dans ses dimensions, et je l'ai divisé par colonnes en suivant la même méthode que précédemment. J'ai noté aussi tous les signes intéressants en marge, en les accompagnant du même chiffre qui sert à désigner le signe correspondant dans le texte.

Nous rencontrons à peu près l'emploi des mêmes formes de signes que dans le cylindre A, mais l'ensemble est plus soigné. Nous n'avons pas cette différence sensible dans la forme des caractères qui existe dans le premier : nous pouvons donc affirmer que le texte entier du cylindre B a été écrit par le même scribe.

J'ai copié ces textes en 1897, directement sur le cylindre qui avait été déplacé et mis en pleine lumière ; aussi j'ai apporté une attention particulière aux textes des colonnes XIII, XIV et XV; car les caractères sont peu apparents, étant remplis par le sable qui adhère au cylindre. J'ai tenu à revoir ces passages difficiles ainsi que l'ensemble avant de donner cette publication.

Une copie hâtive, faite surtout à travers les vitrines, ne permettrait pas de constituer un texte véritable.

Il est absolument nécessaire de donner intégralement *la forme des caractères,* et il est imprudent de remplacer un signe que l'on distingue mal par un signe *dans une forme quelconque :* c'est pourquoi j'ai tenu à ne reproduire que ce qui existe réellement. J'estime que nous devons respecter ces documents, et ne pas vouloir leur faire dire autre chose que ce qu'ils contiennent.

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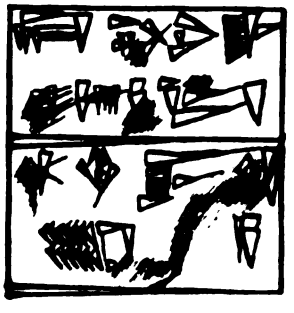

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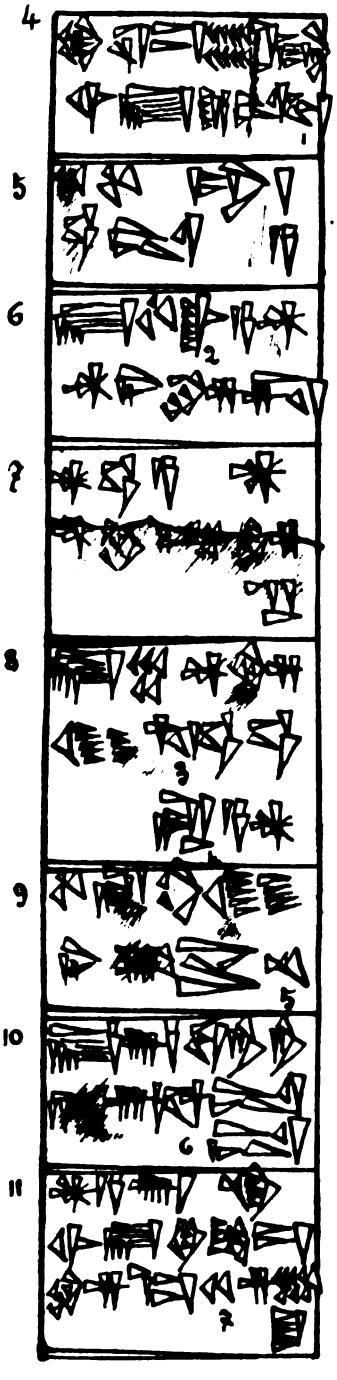

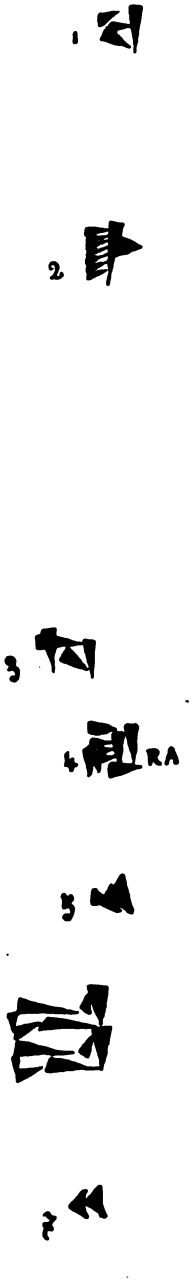

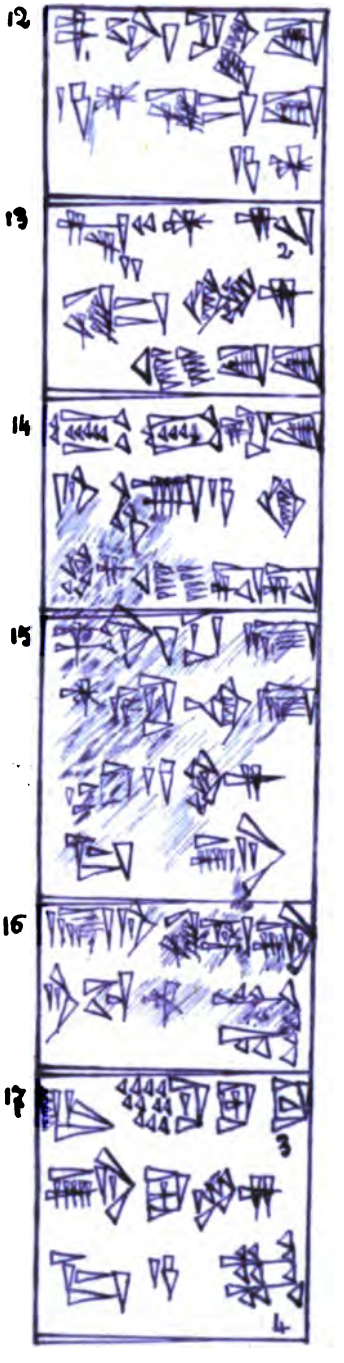

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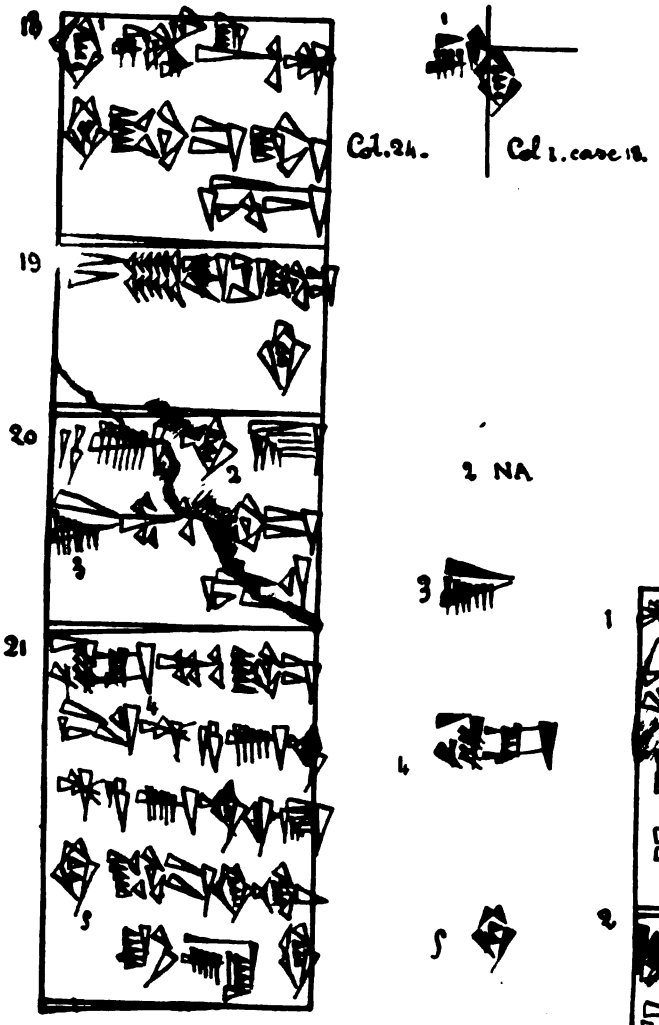

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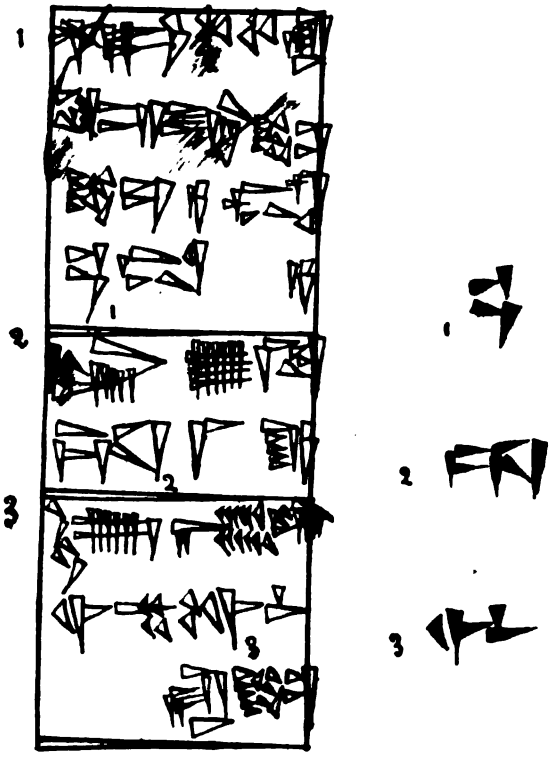

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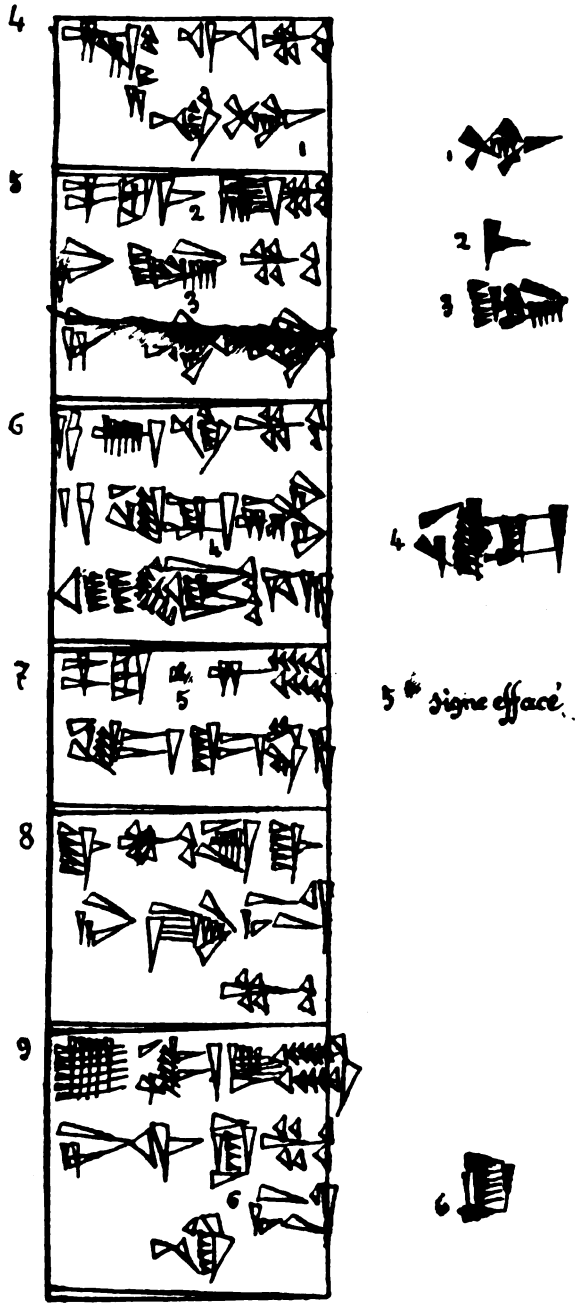

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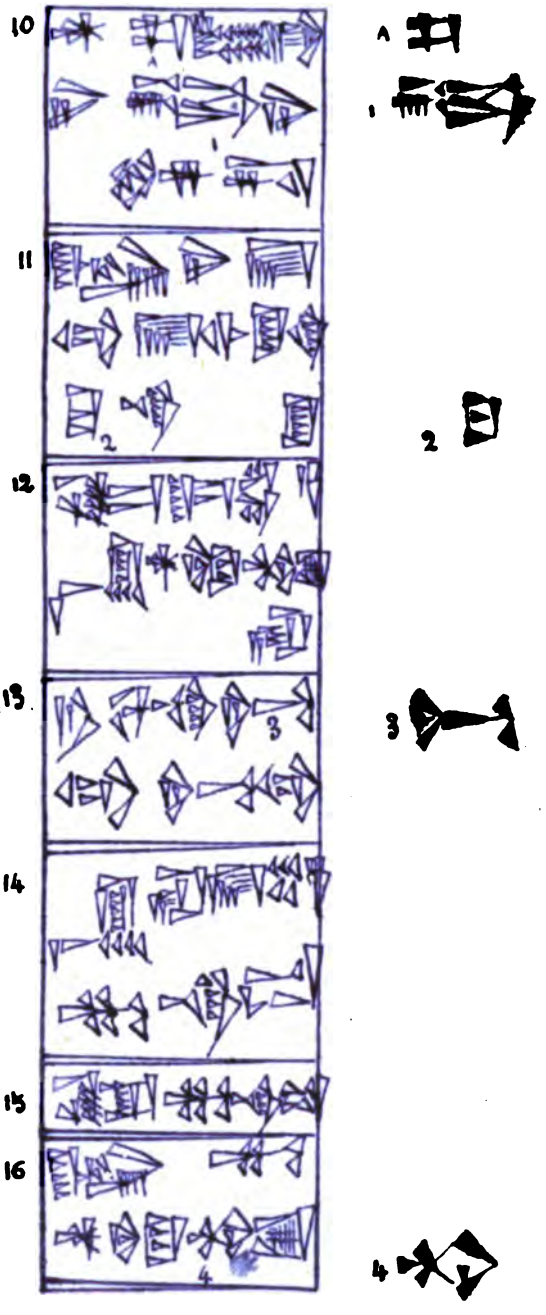

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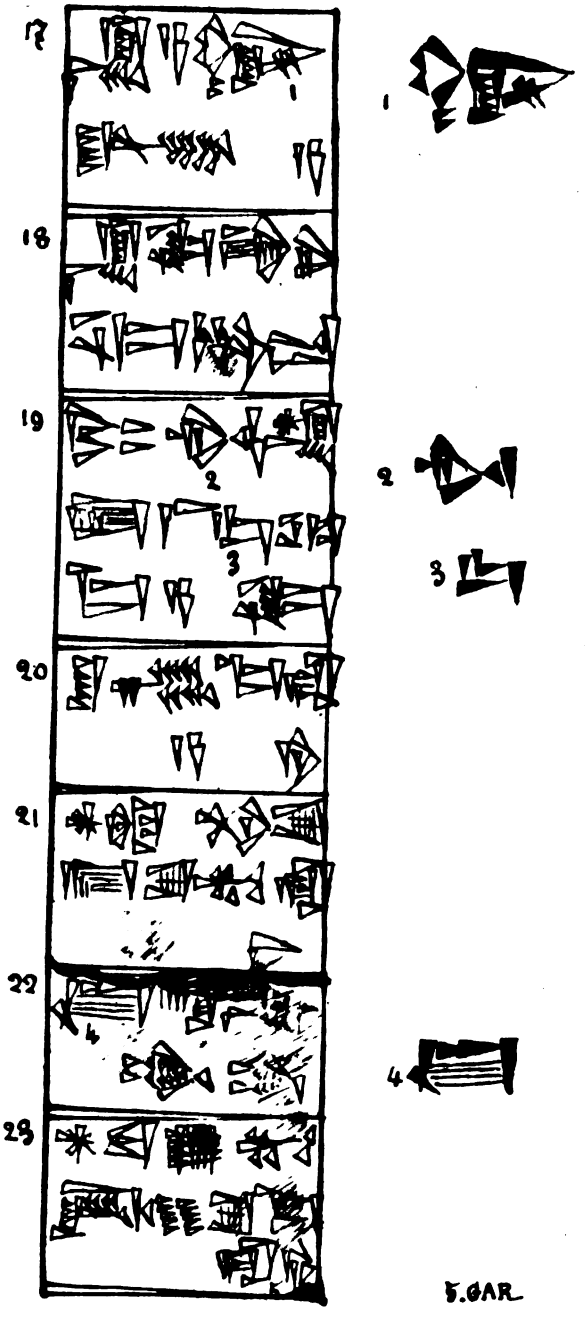

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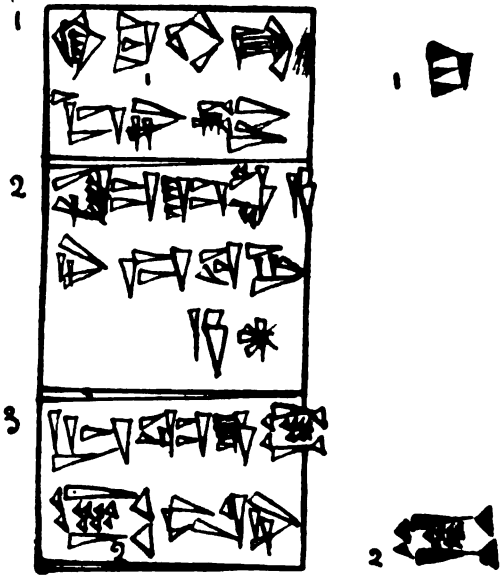

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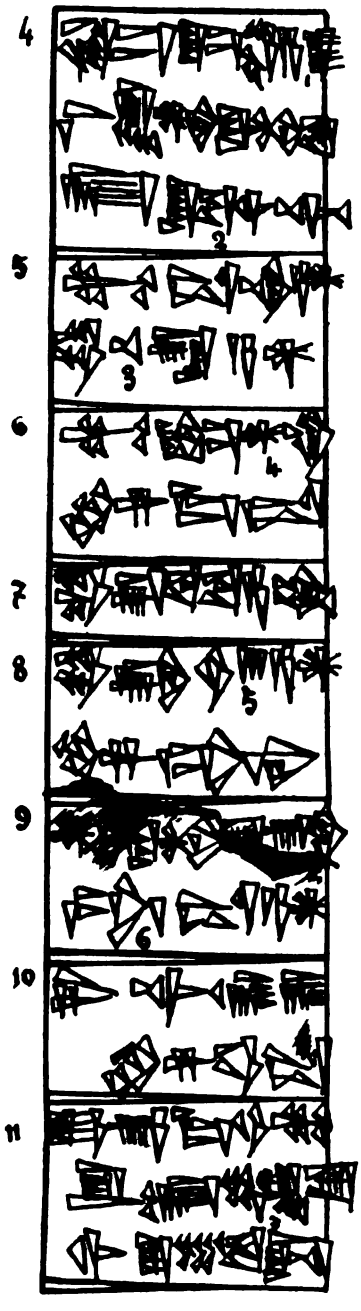

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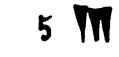

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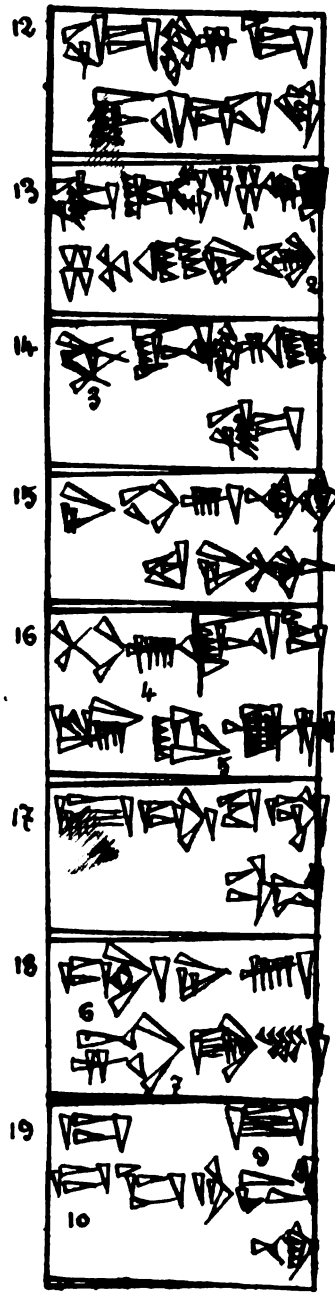

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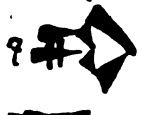

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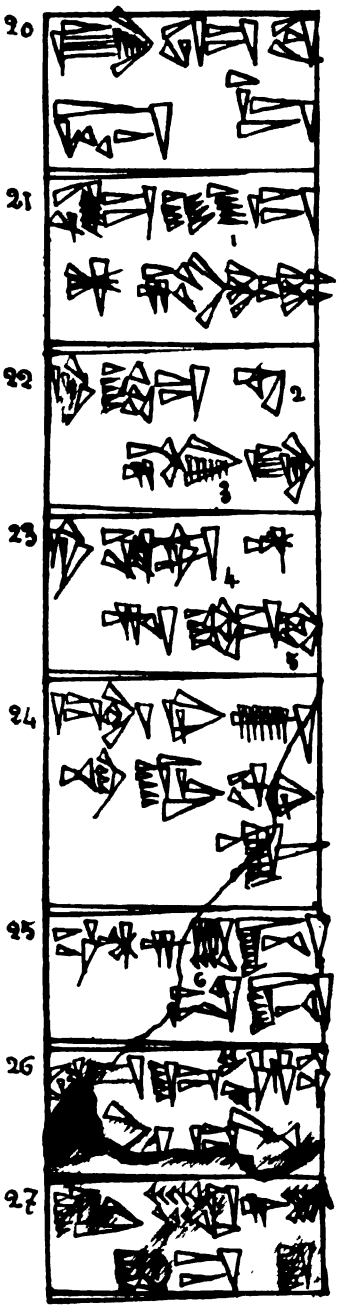

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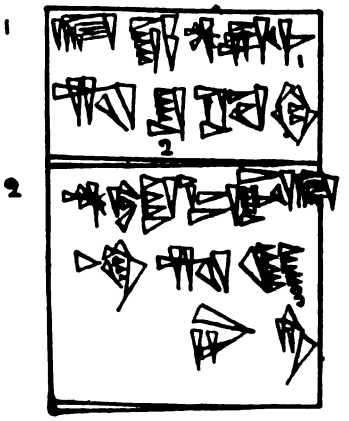

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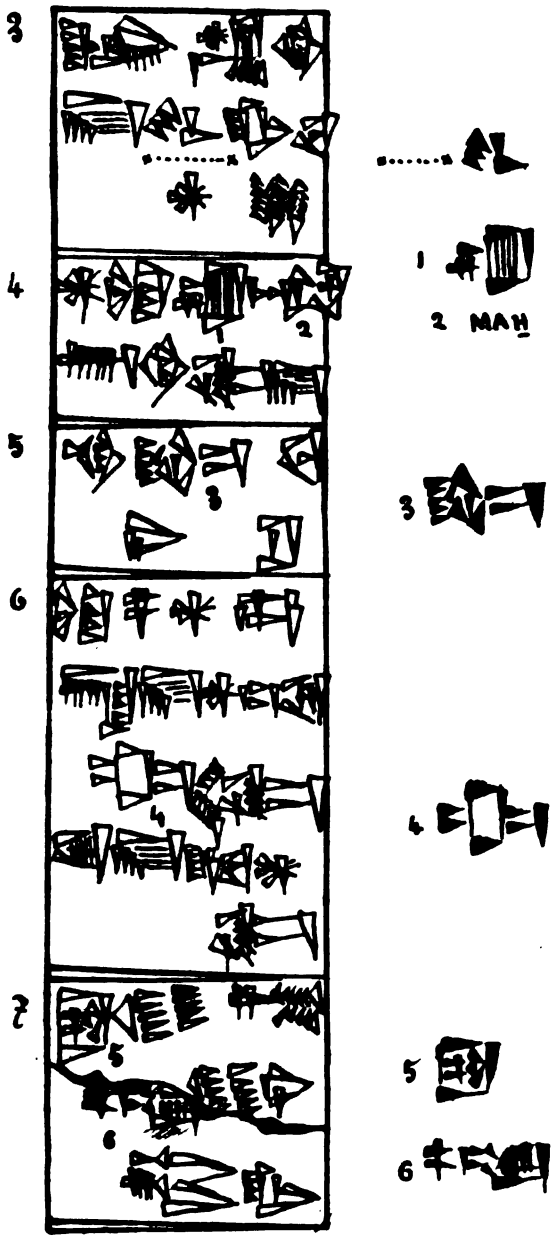

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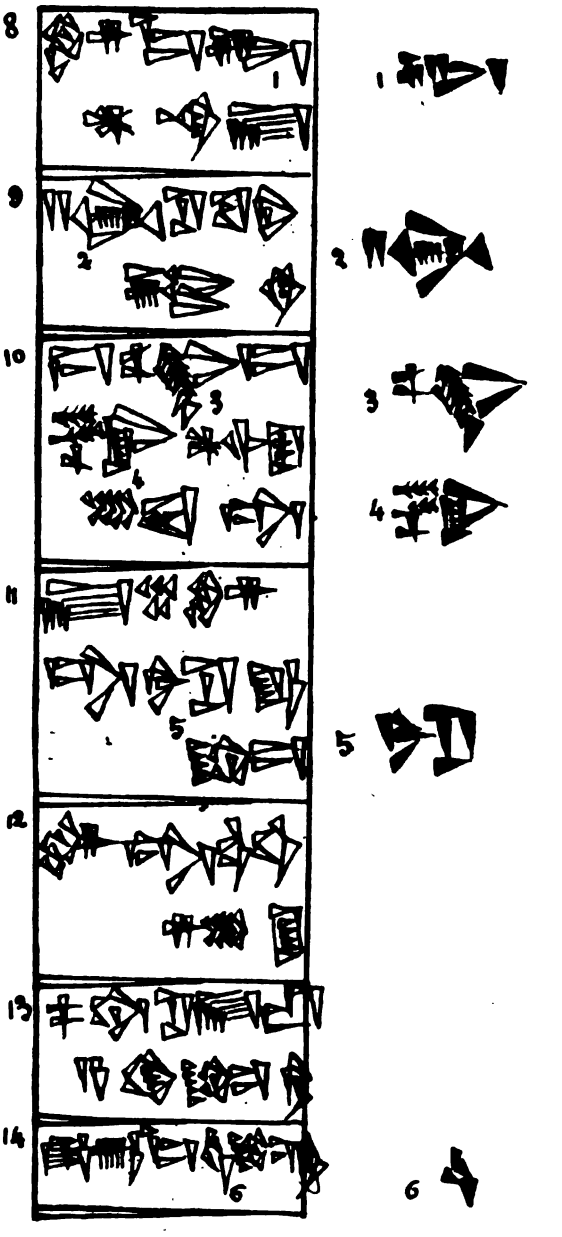

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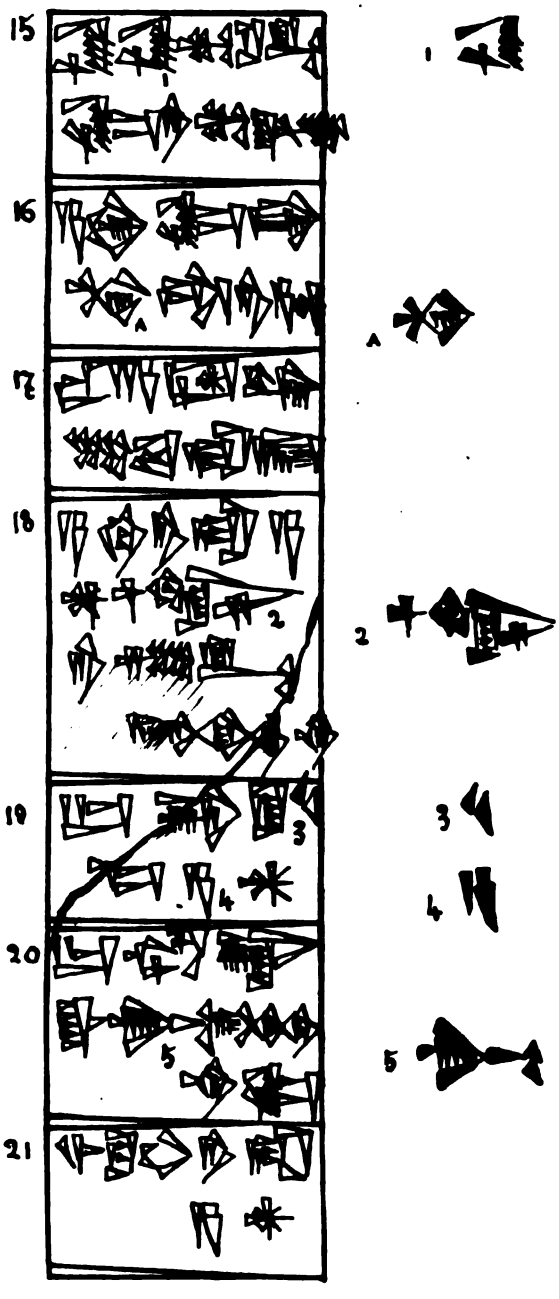

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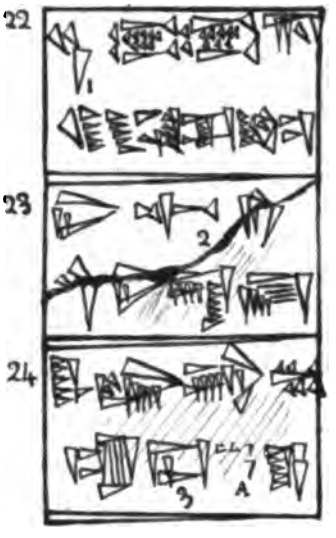

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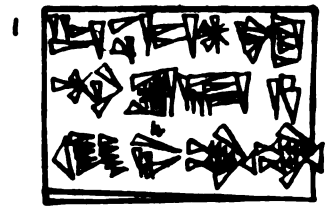

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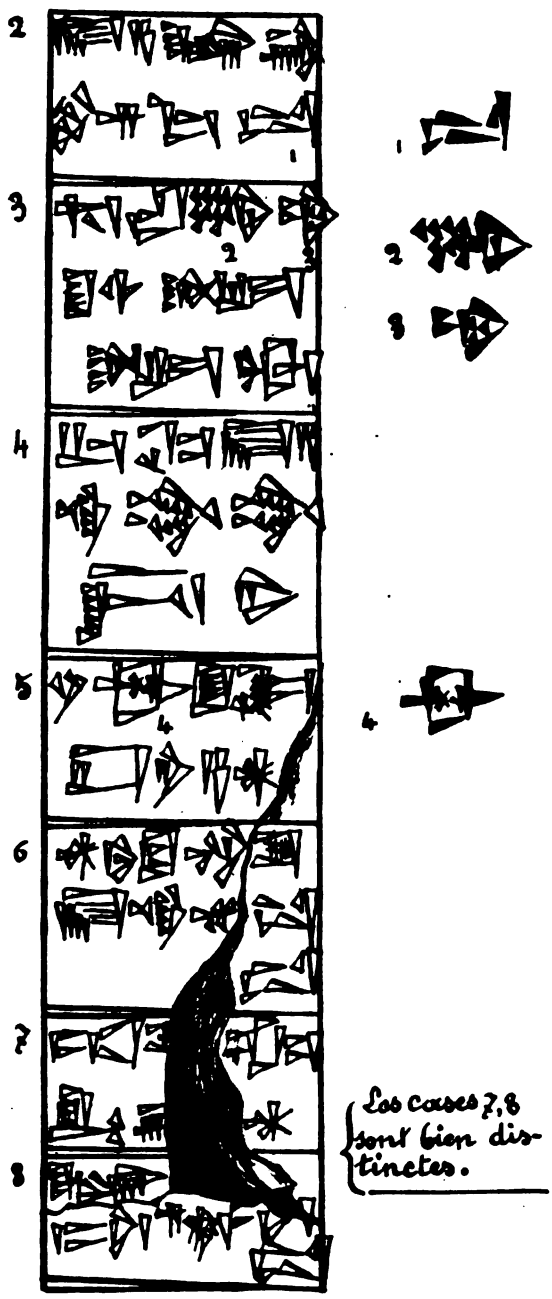

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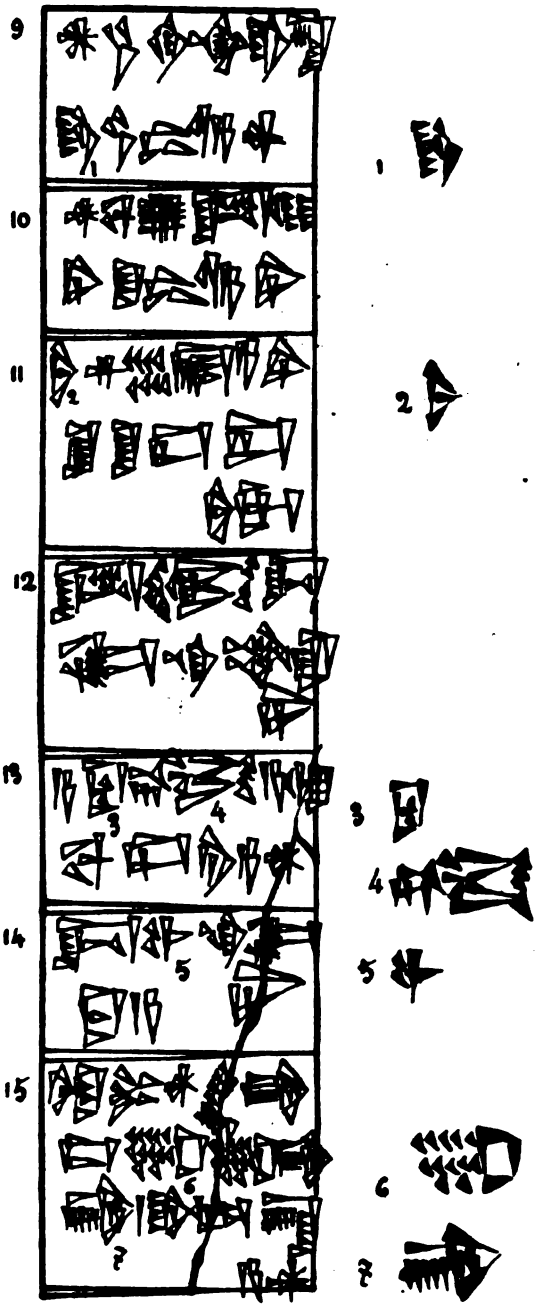

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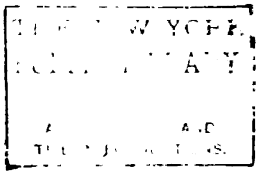

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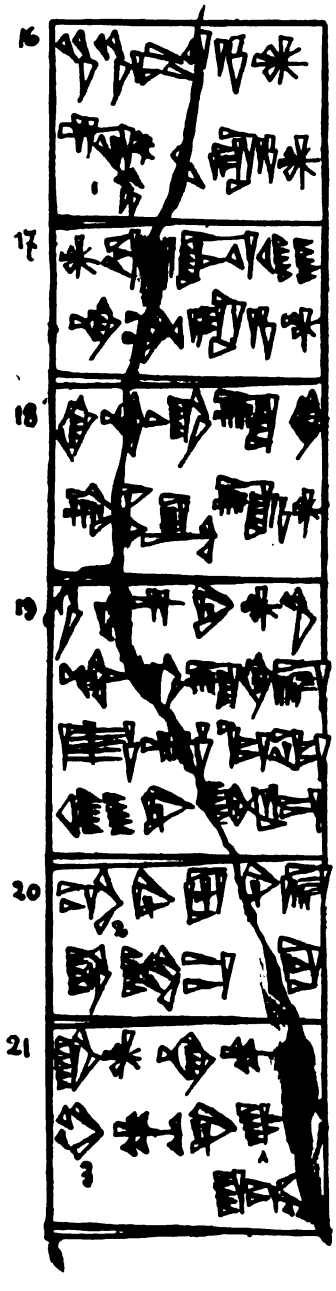

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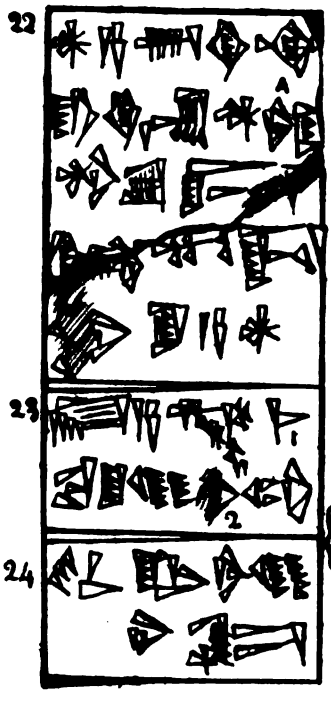

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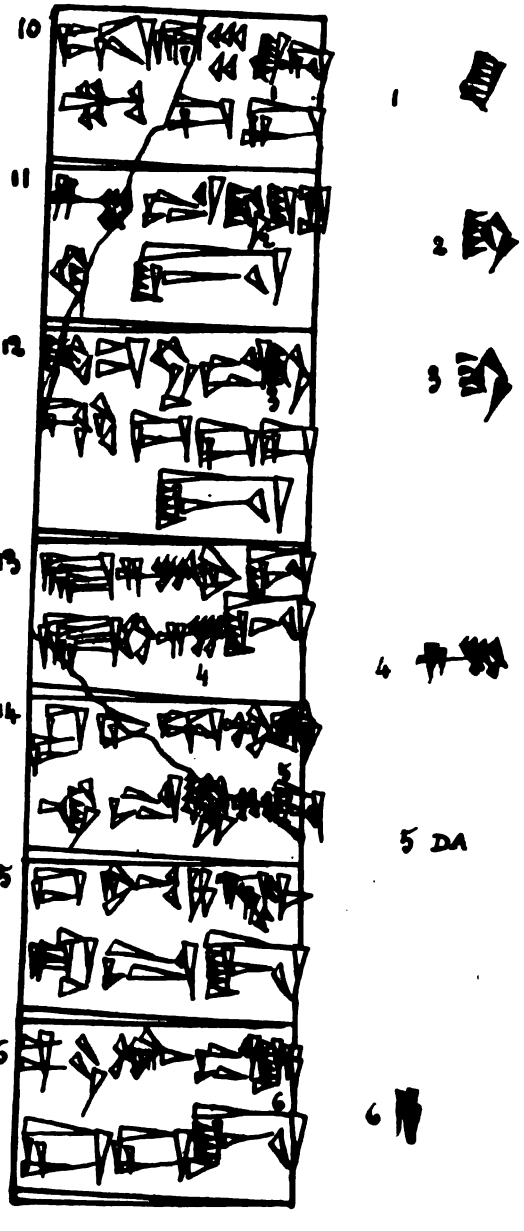

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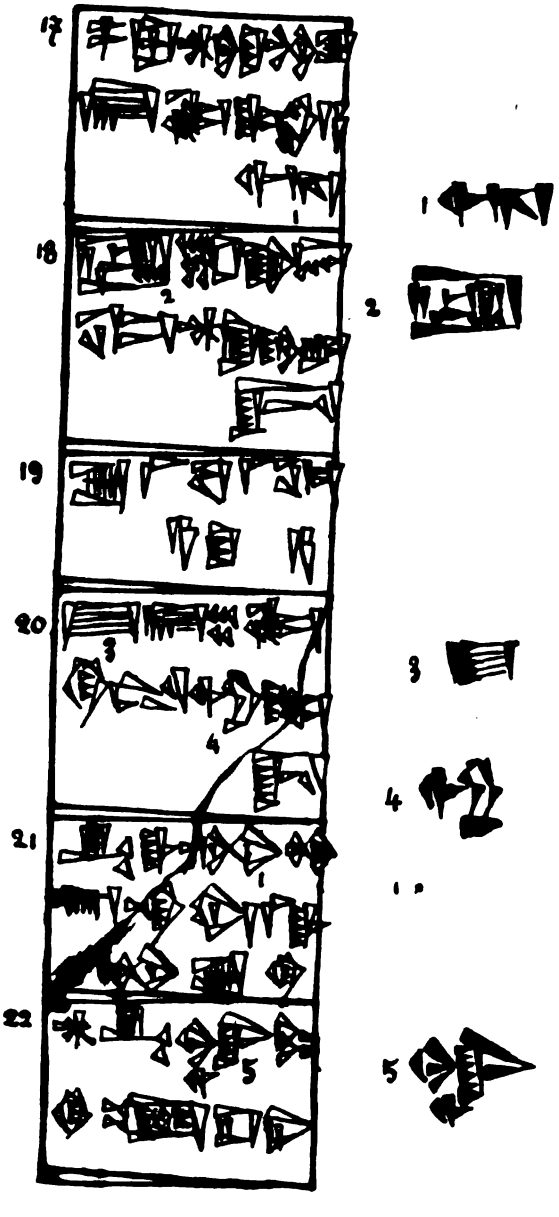

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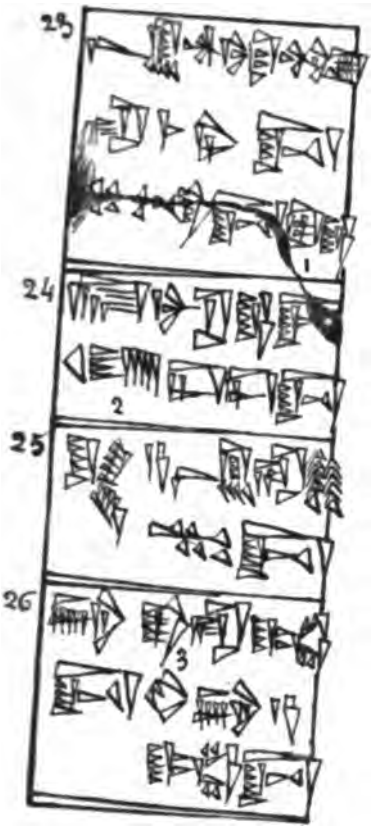

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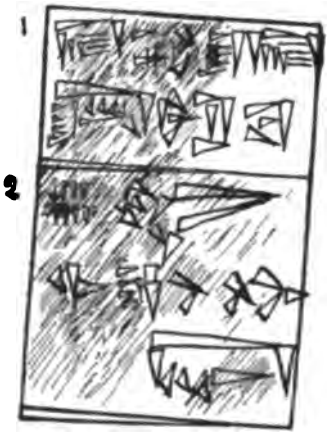

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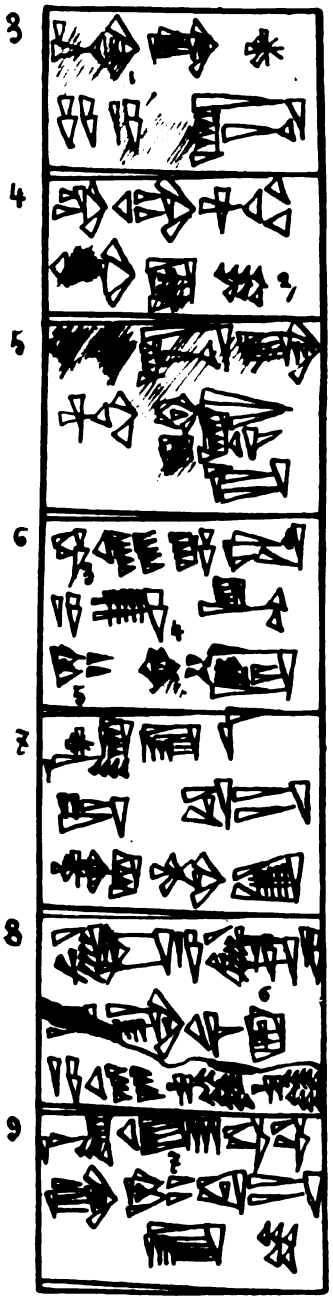

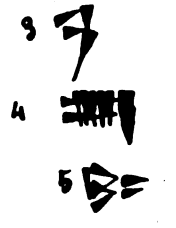

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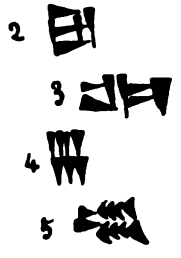

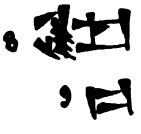

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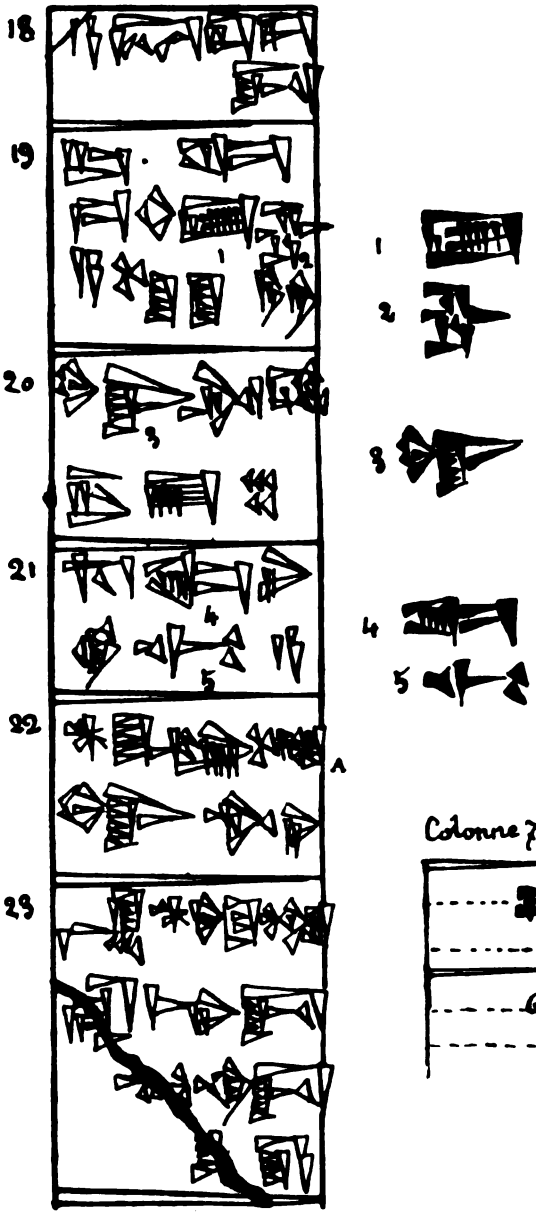

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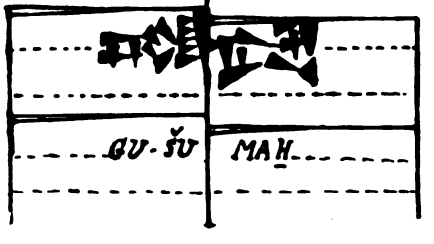

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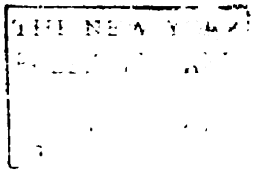

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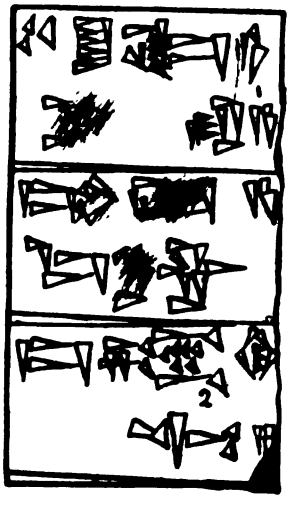

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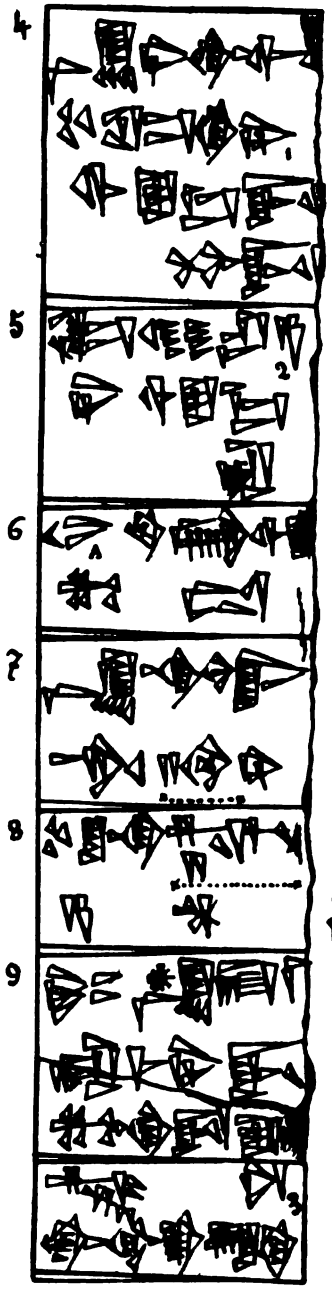

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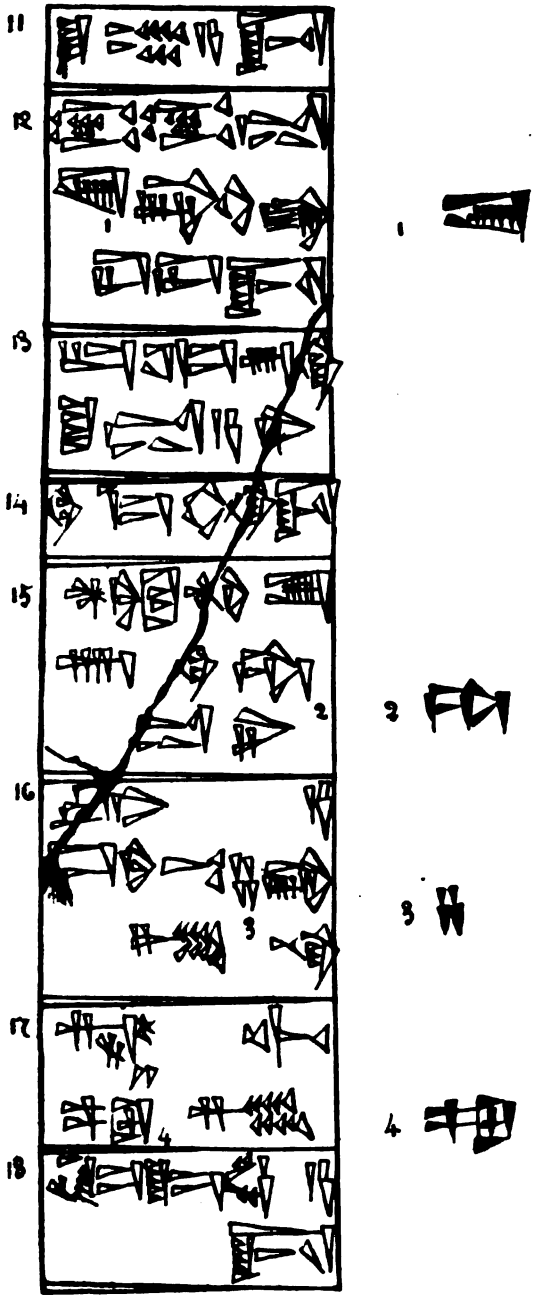

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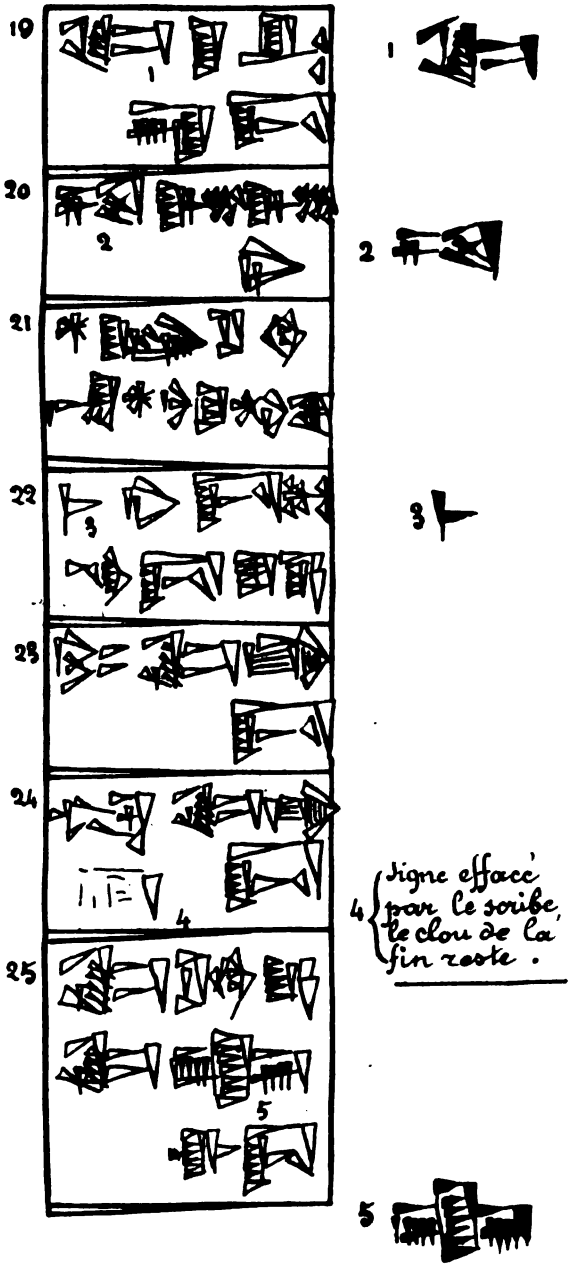

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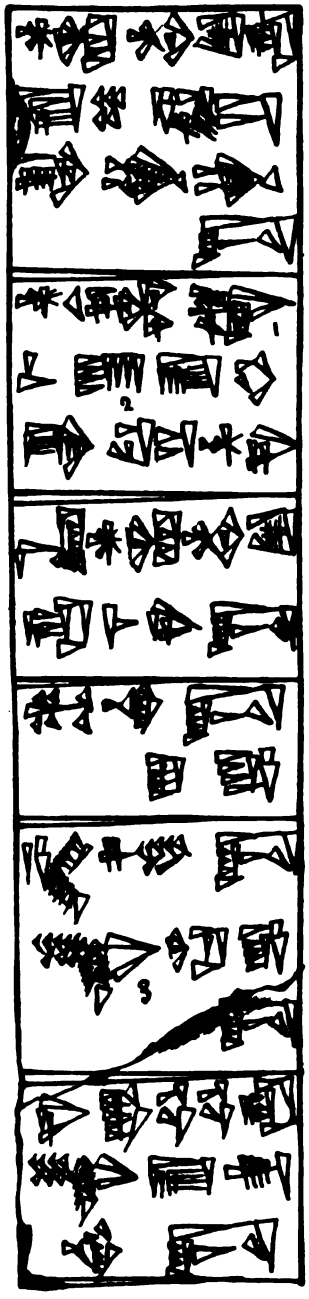

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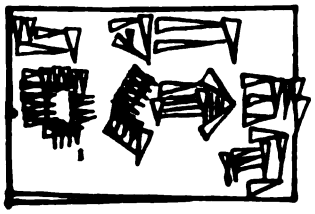

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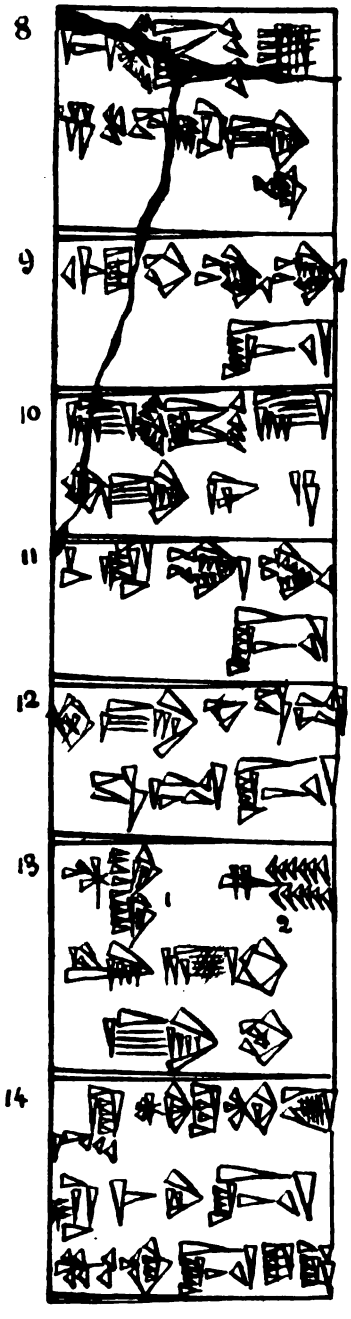

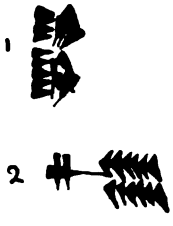

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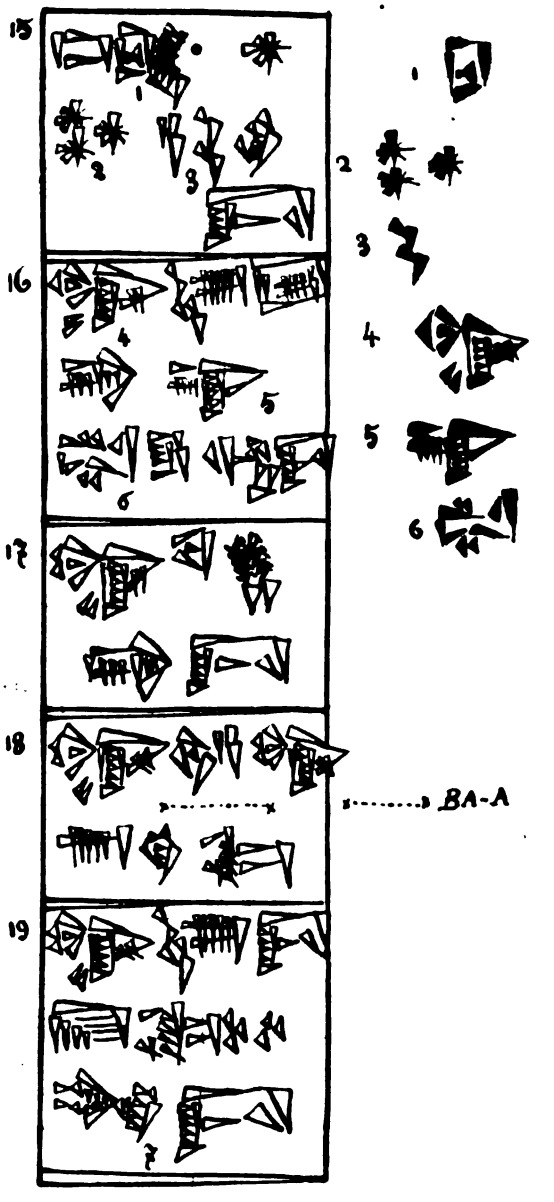

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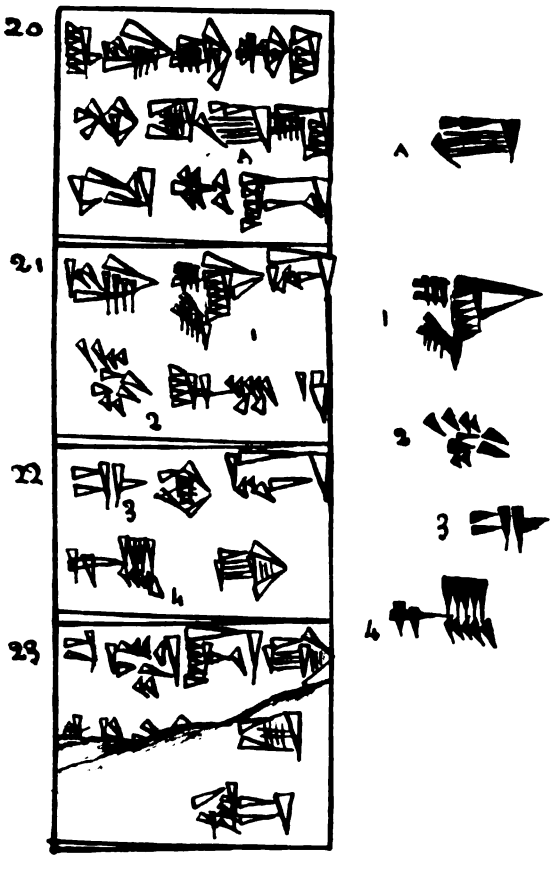

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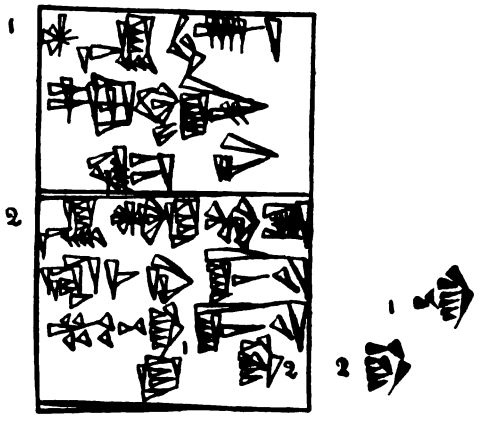

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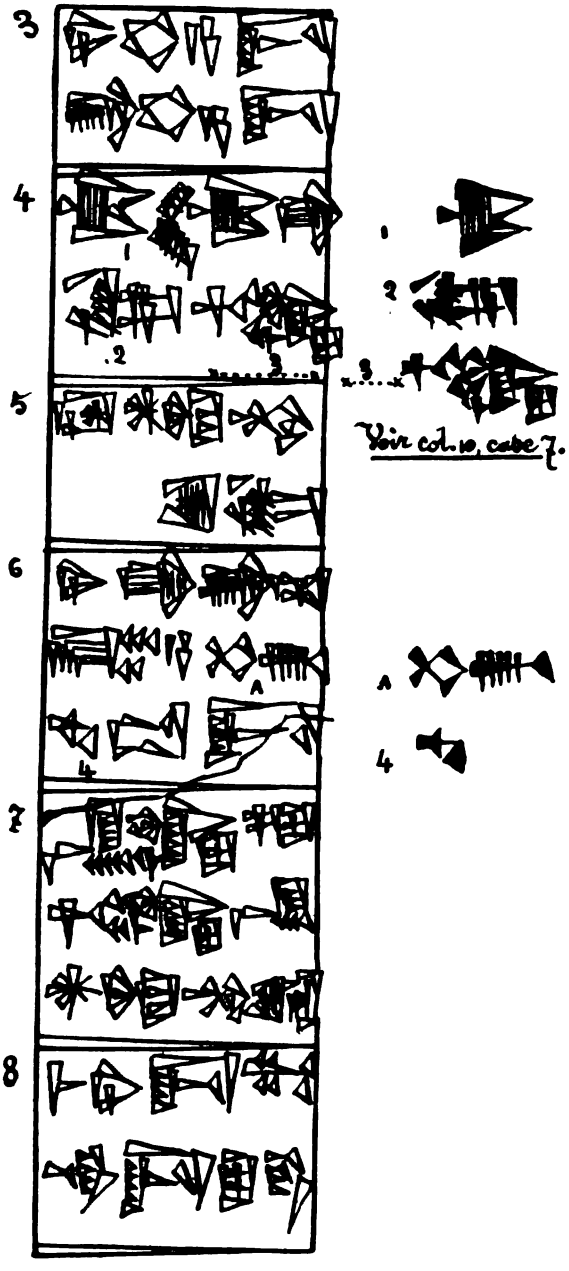

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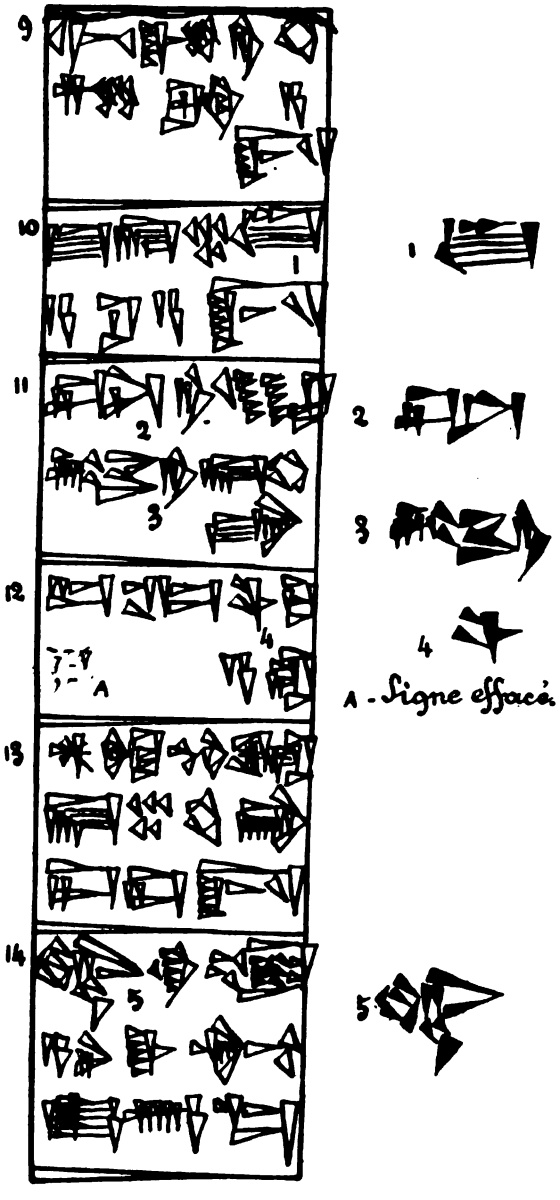

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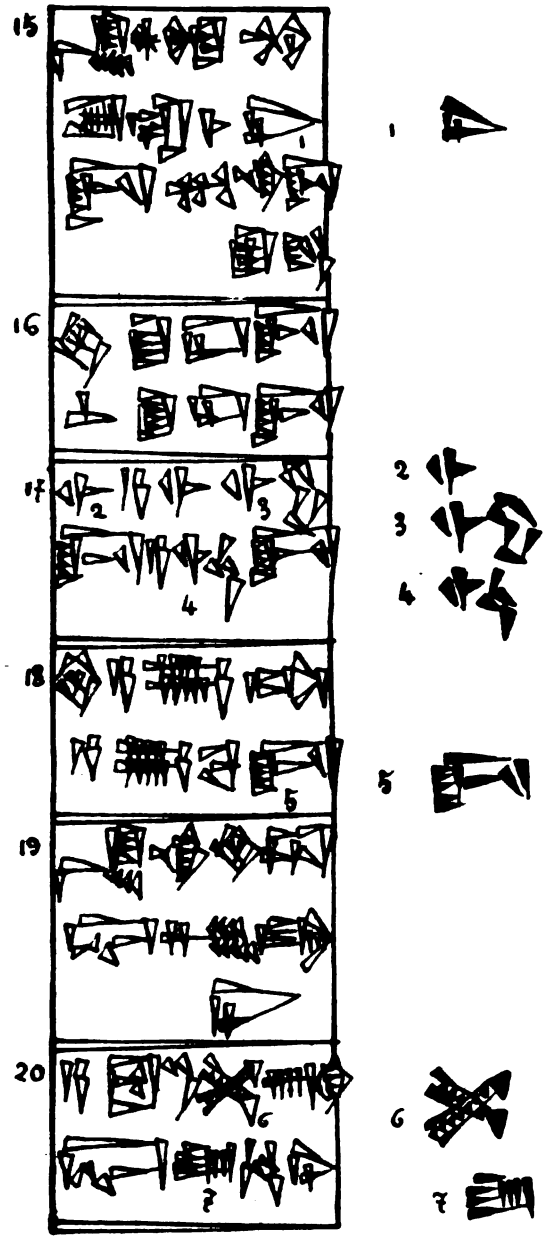

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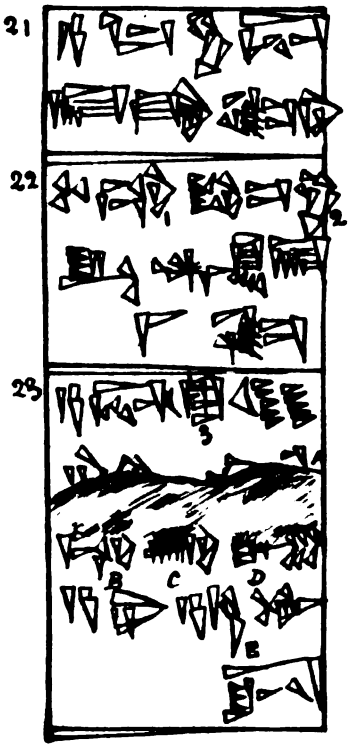

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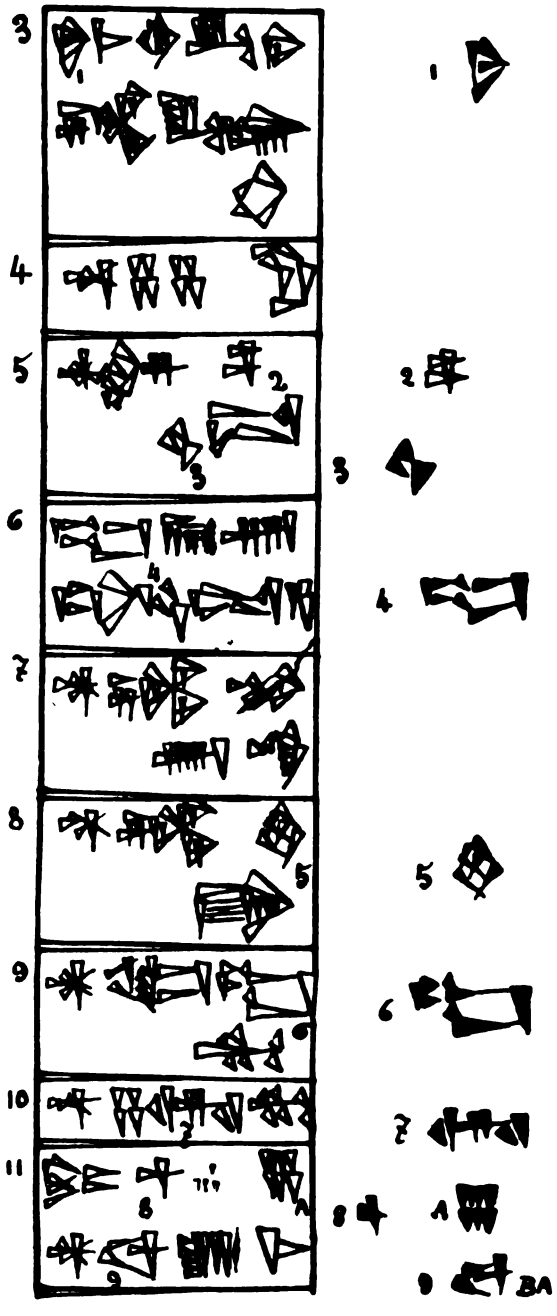

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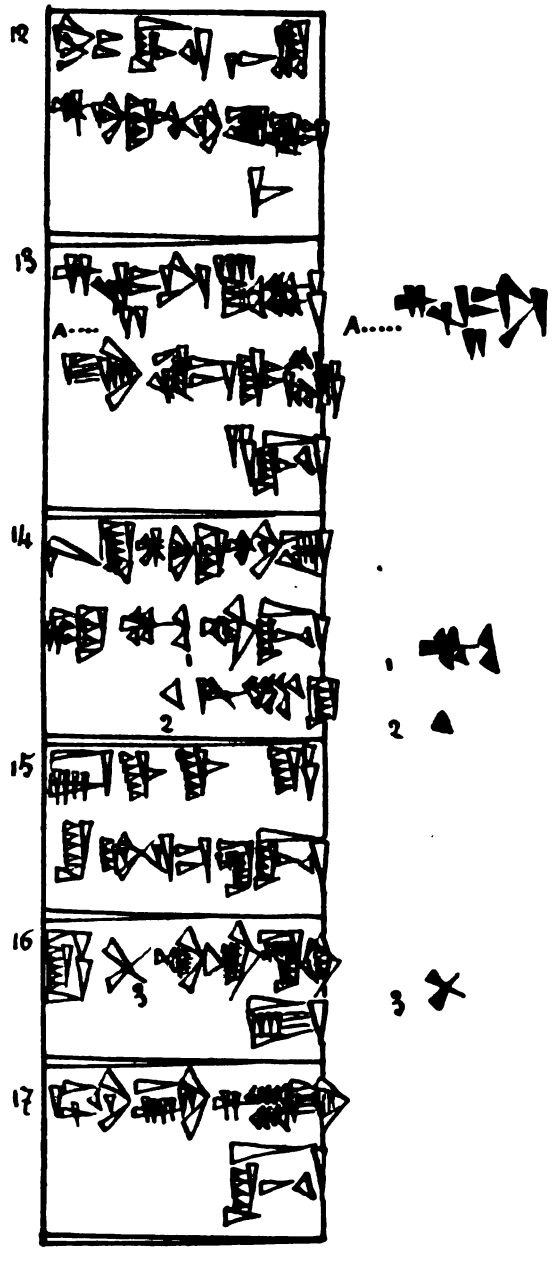

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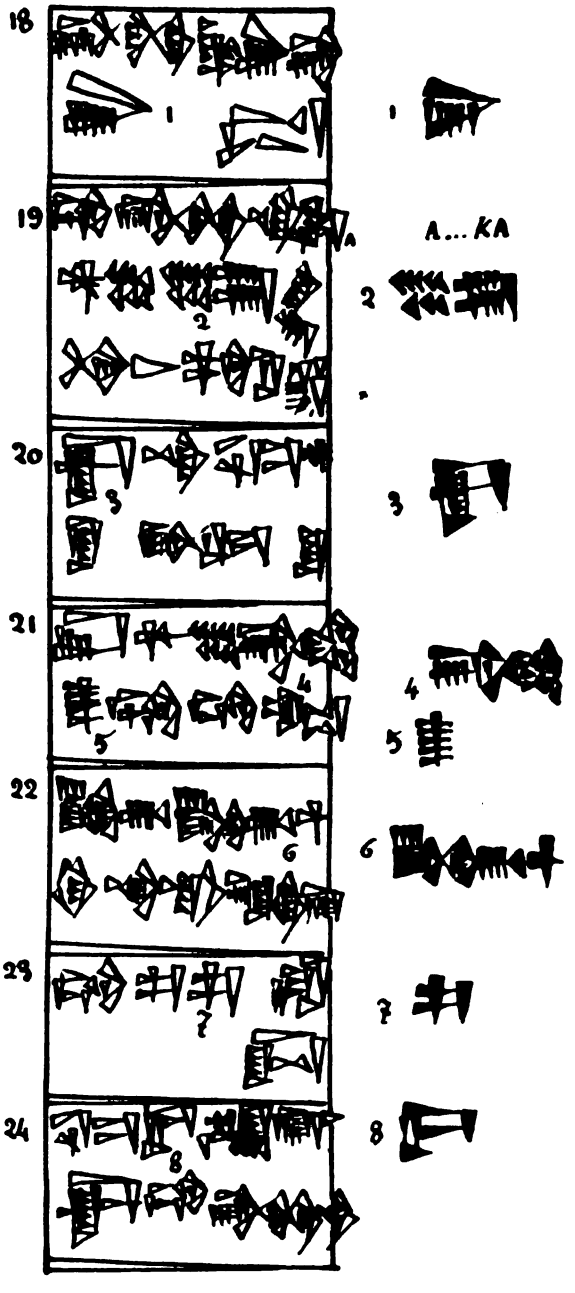

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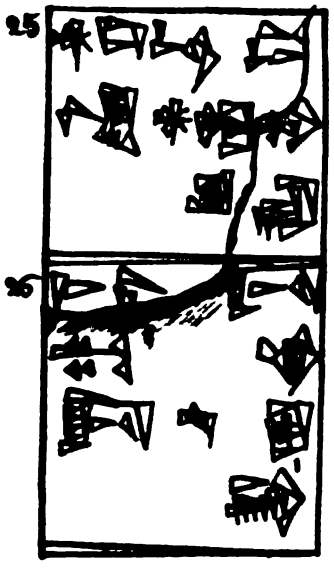

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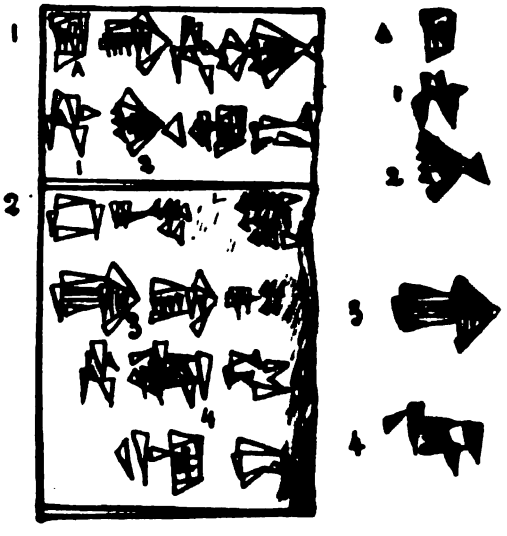

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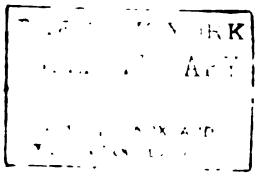

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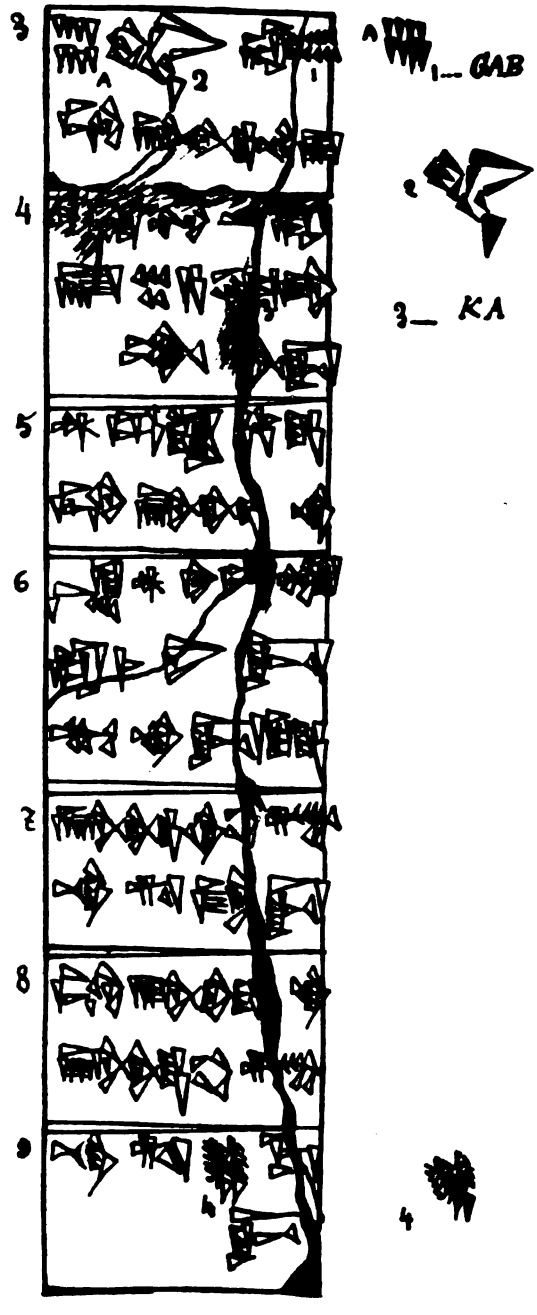

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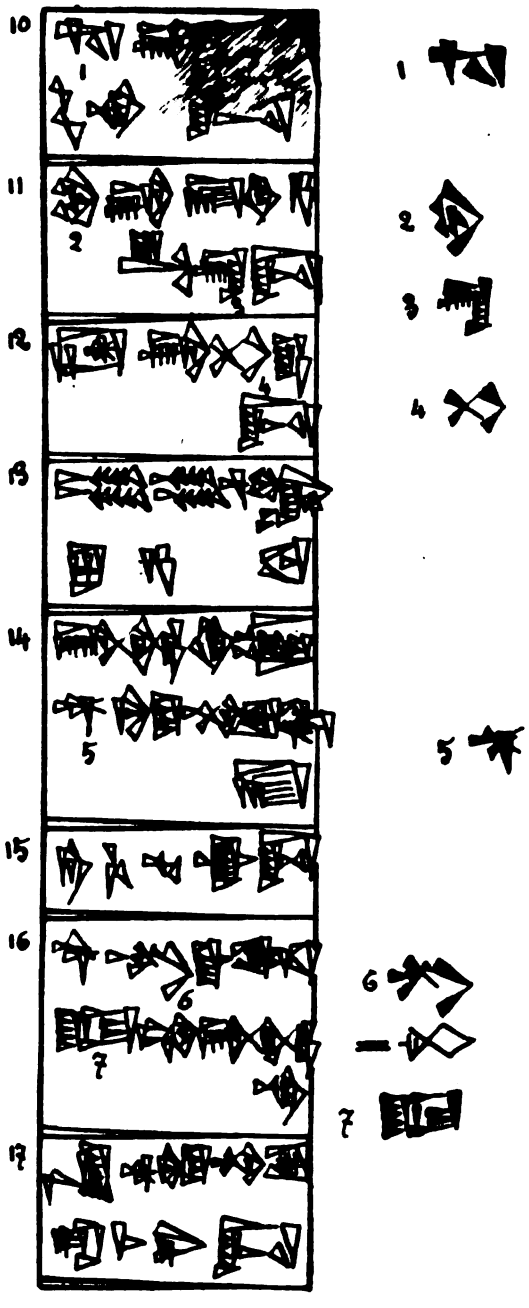

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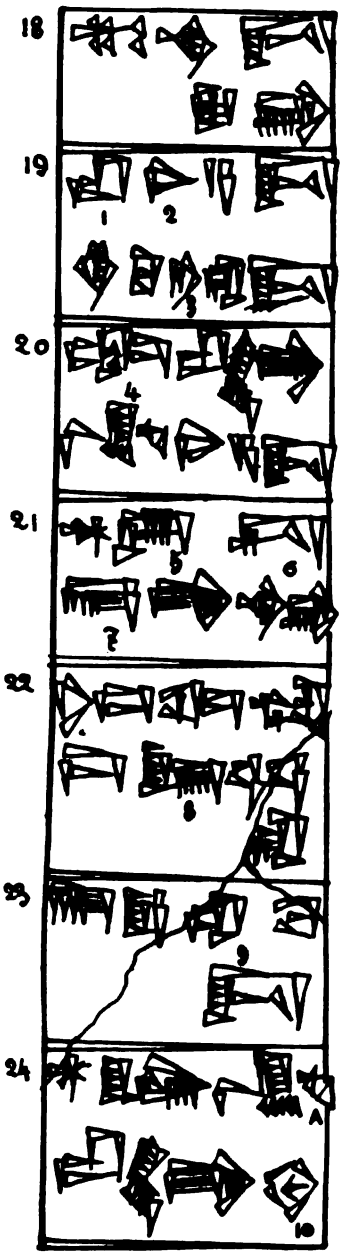

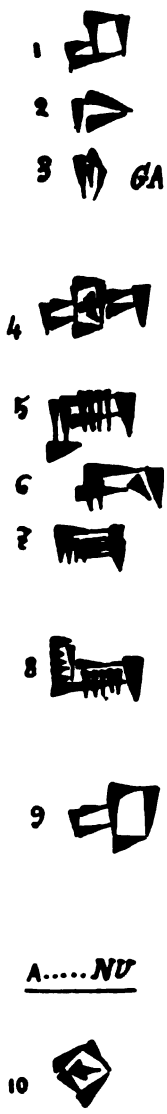

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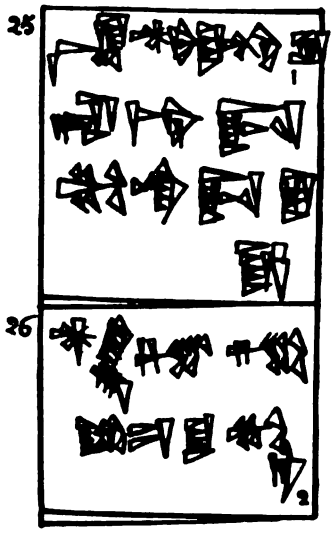

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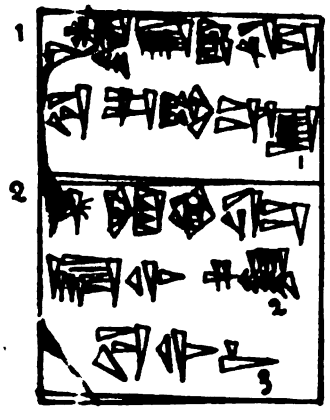

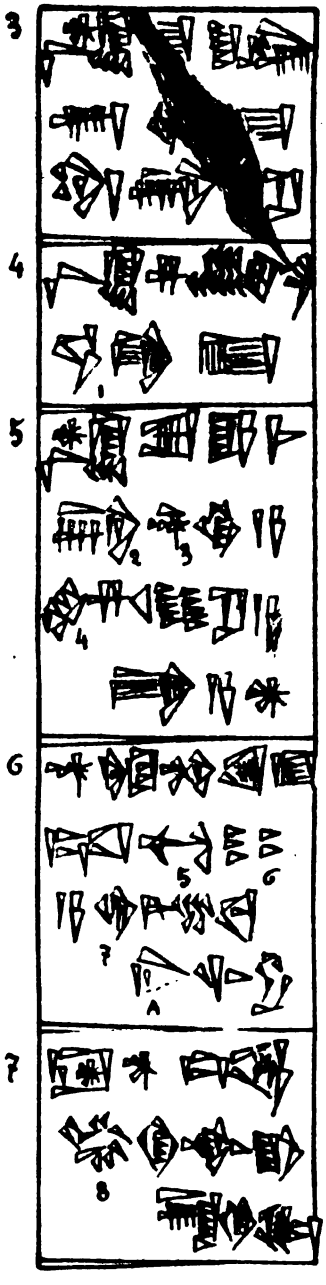

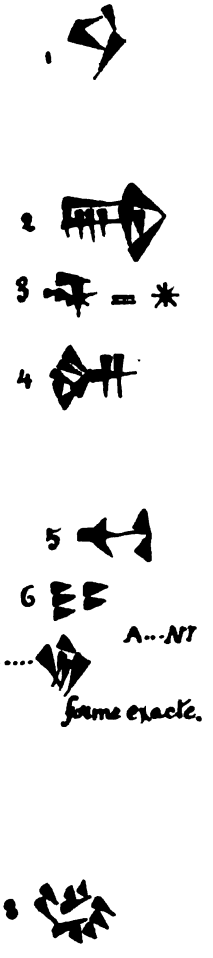

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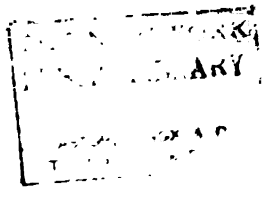

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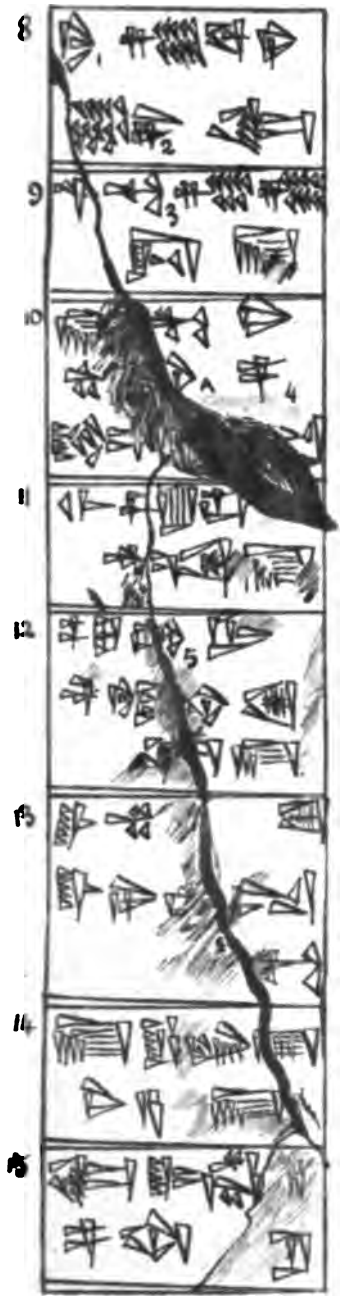

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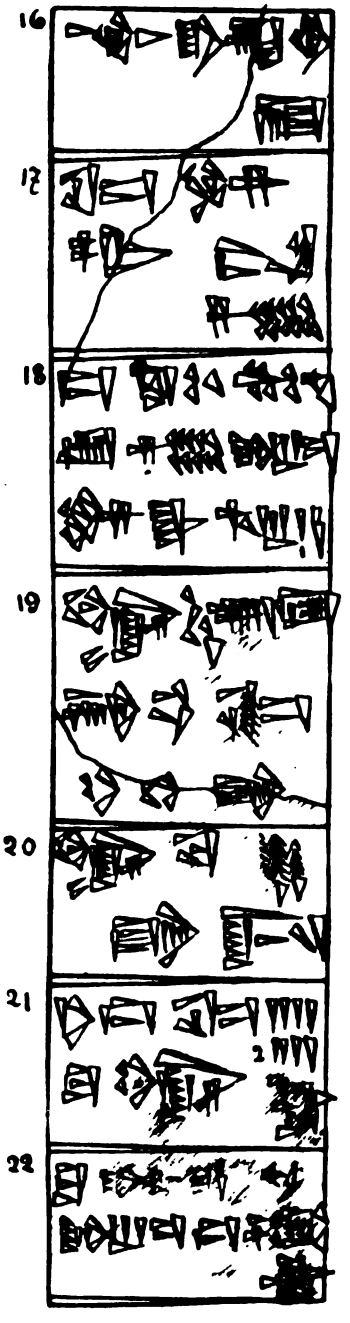

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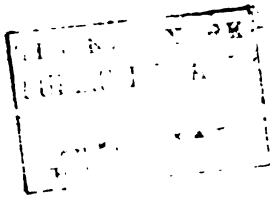

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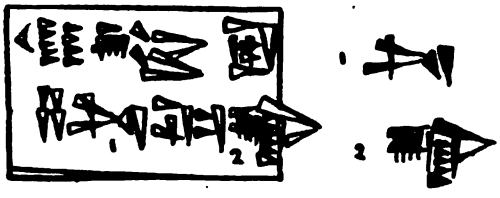

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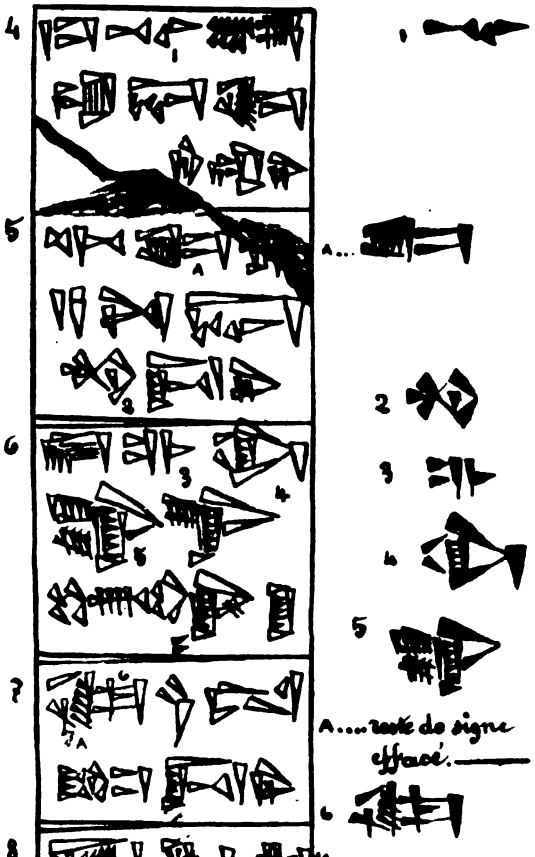

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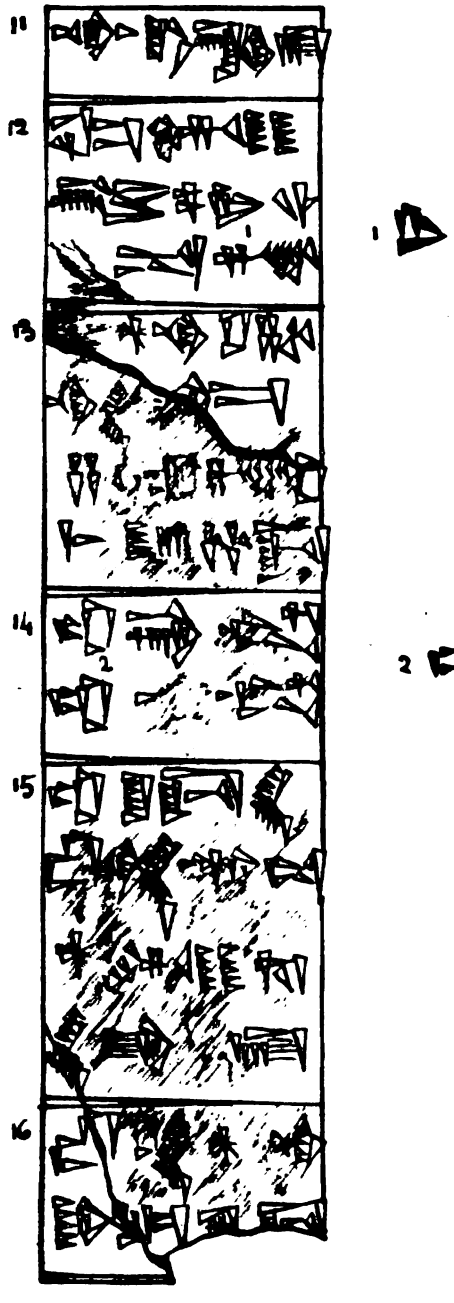

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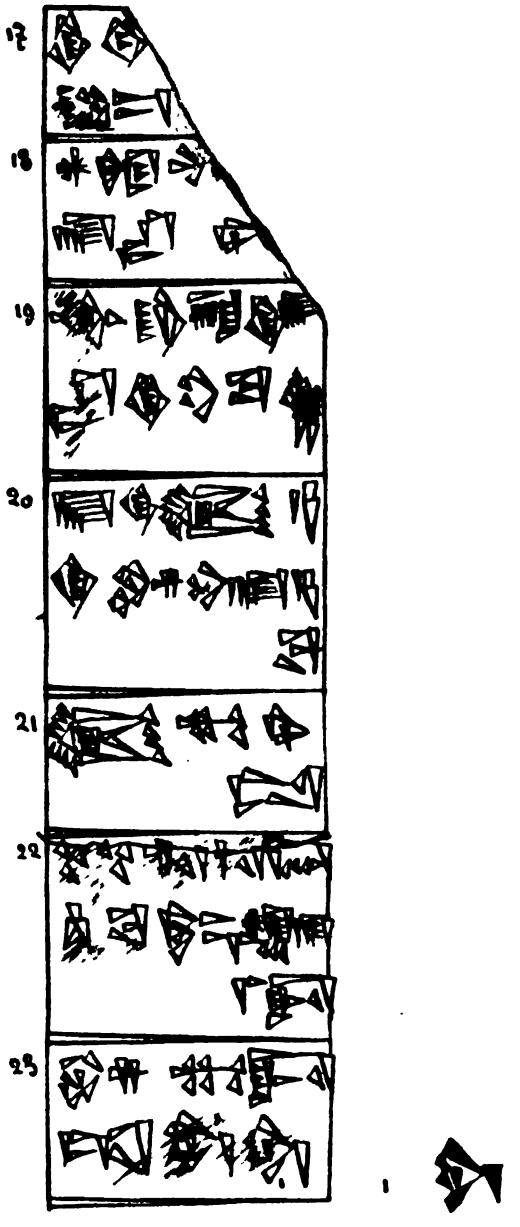

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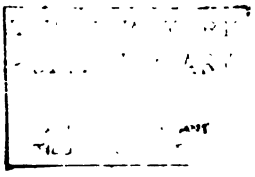

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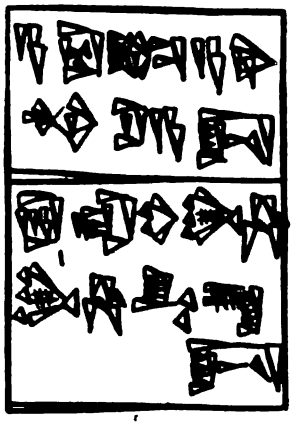

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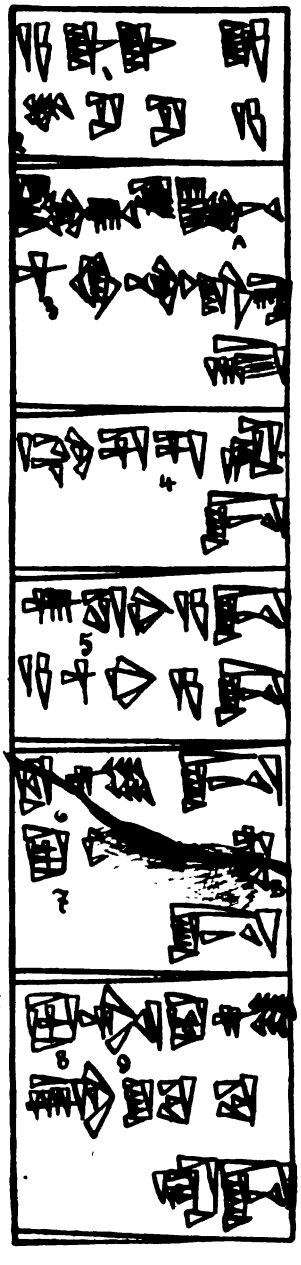

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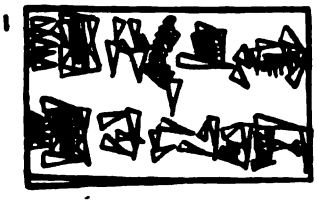

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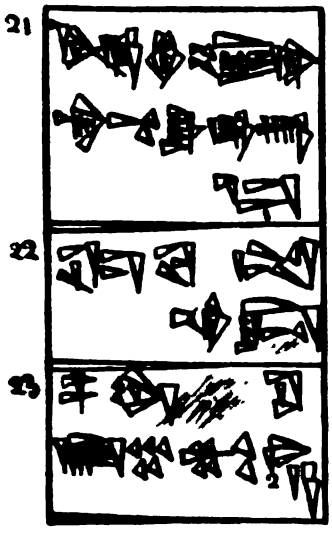

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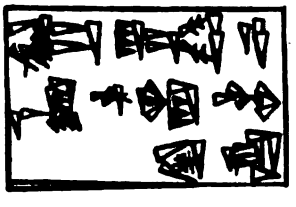

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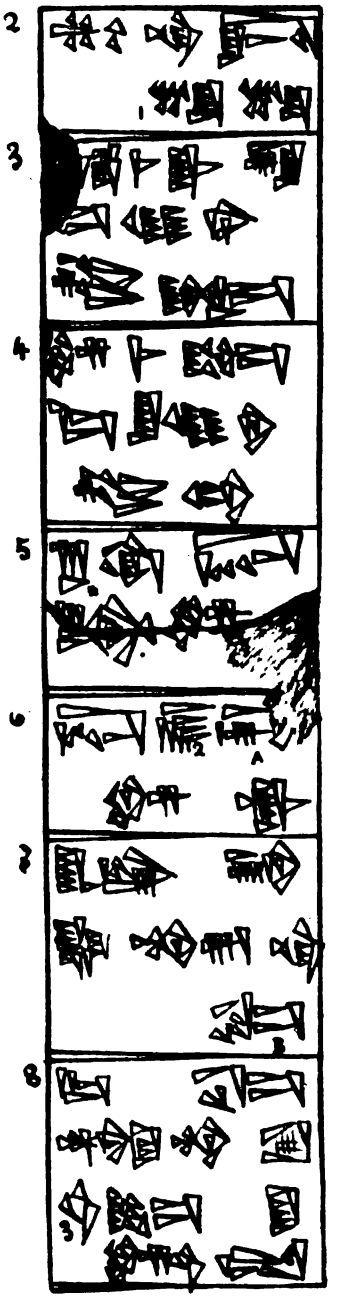

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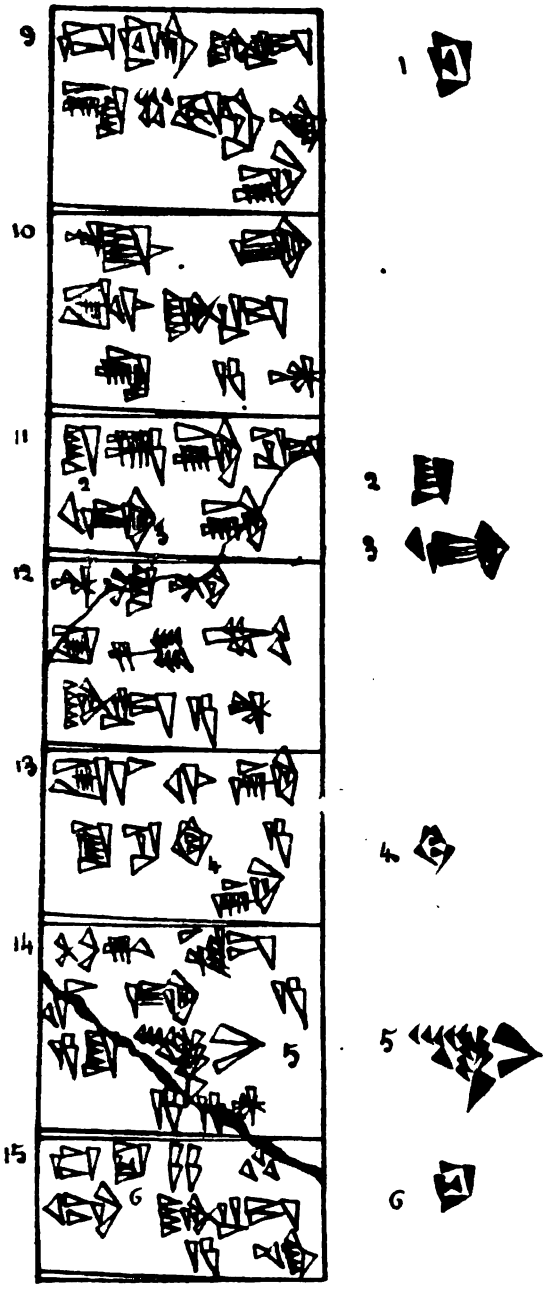

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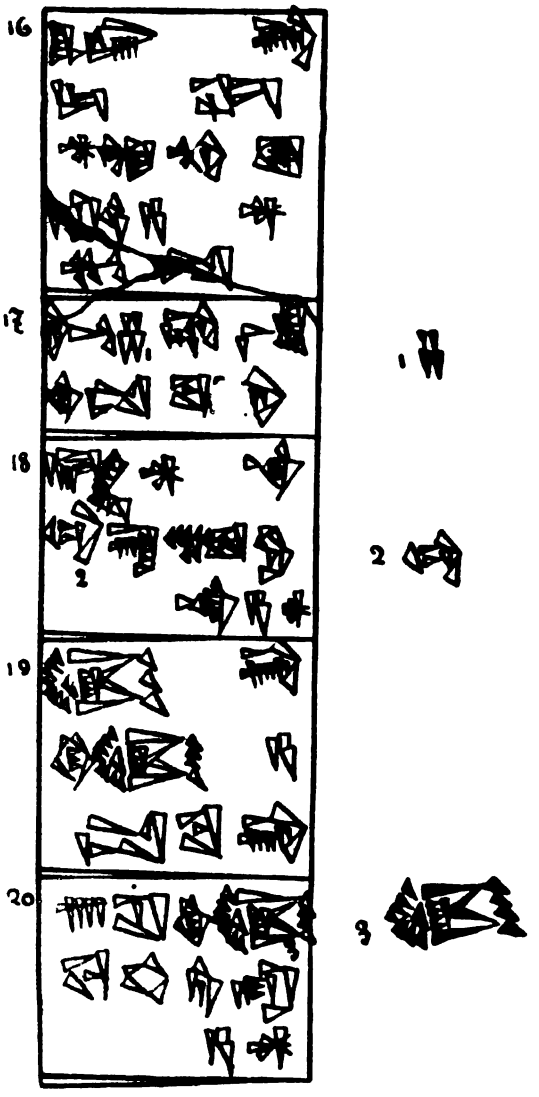

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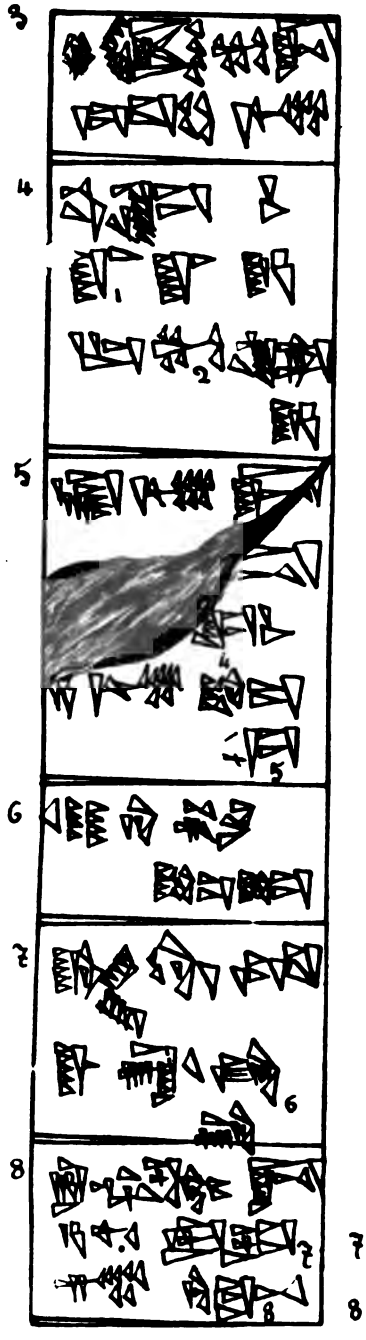

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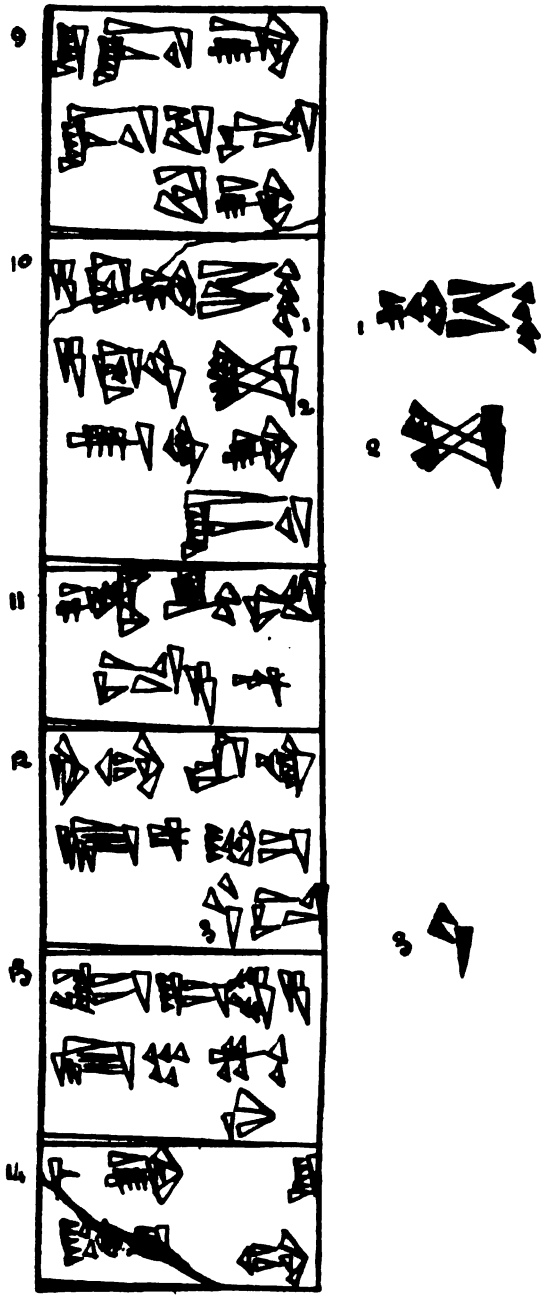

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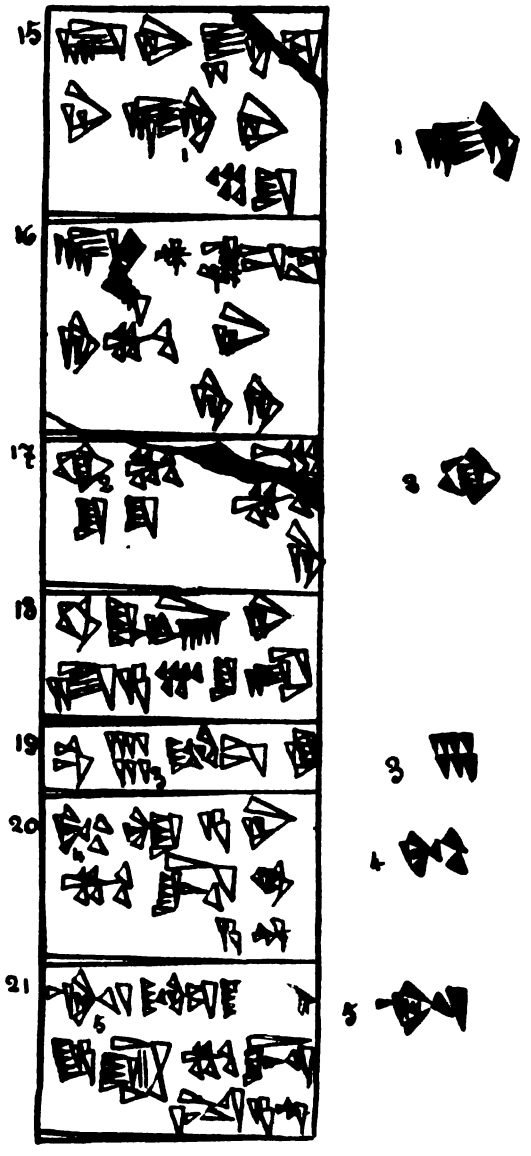

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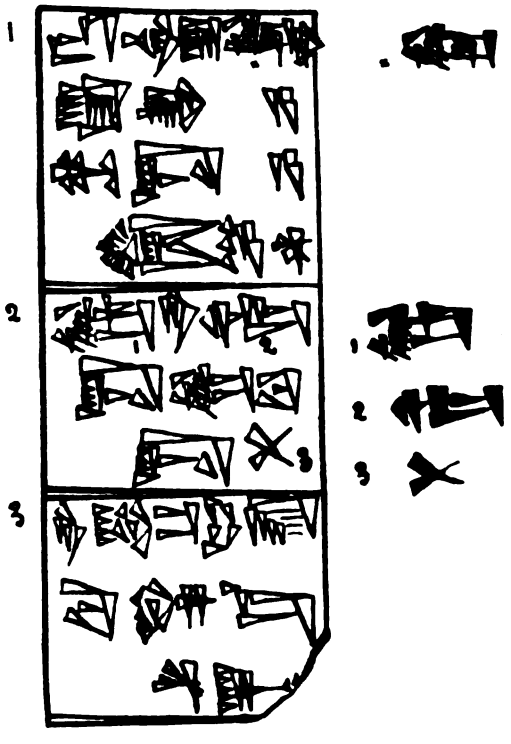

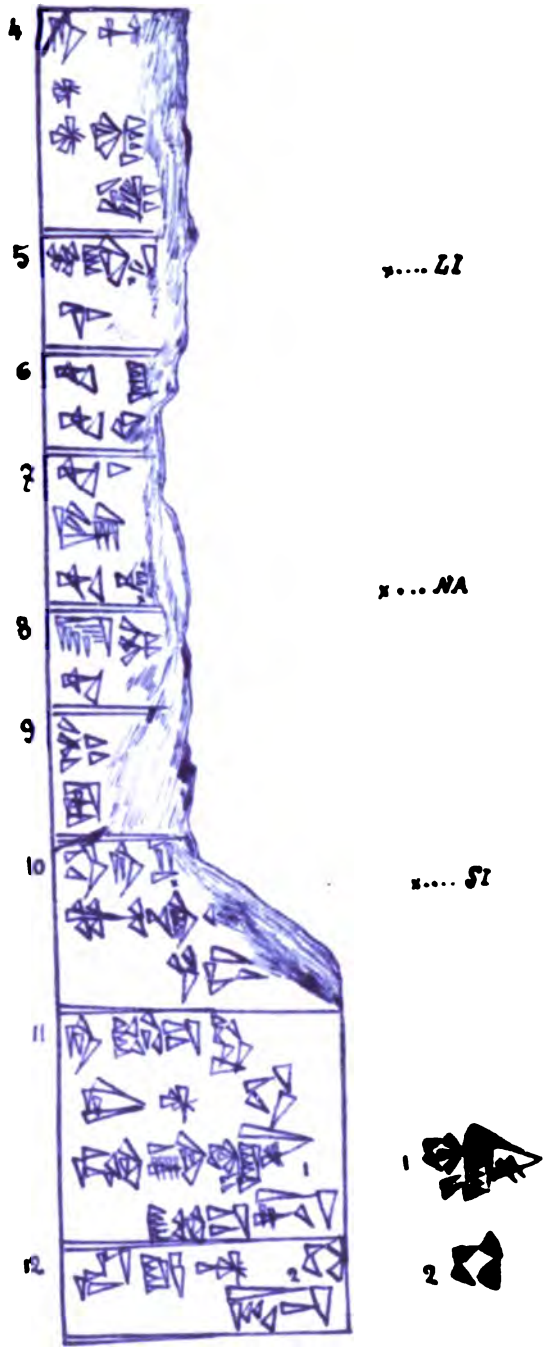

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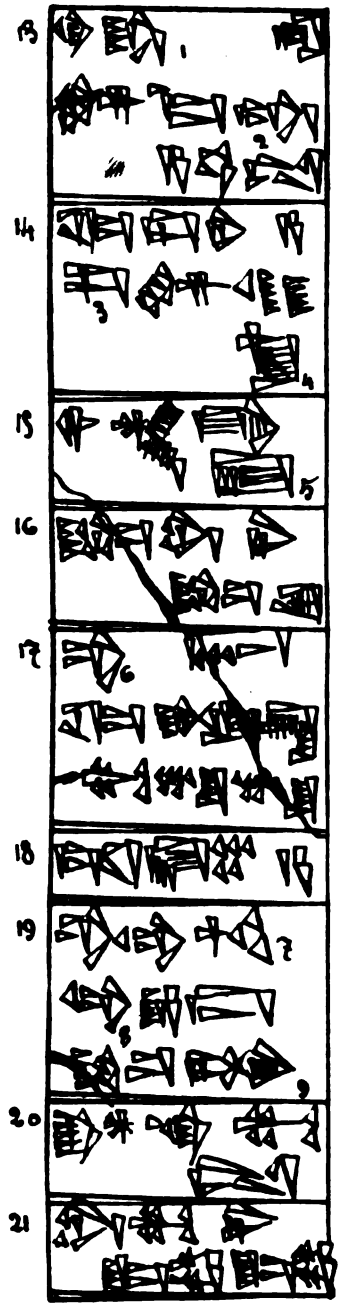

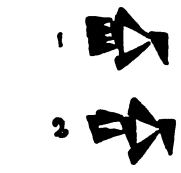

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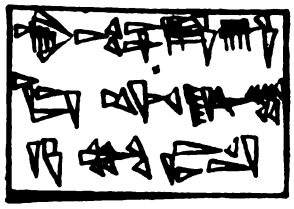

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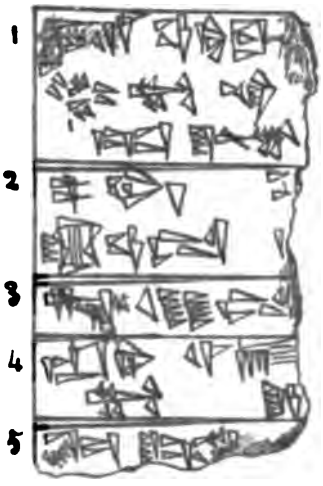

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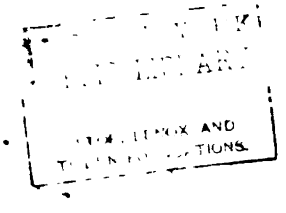

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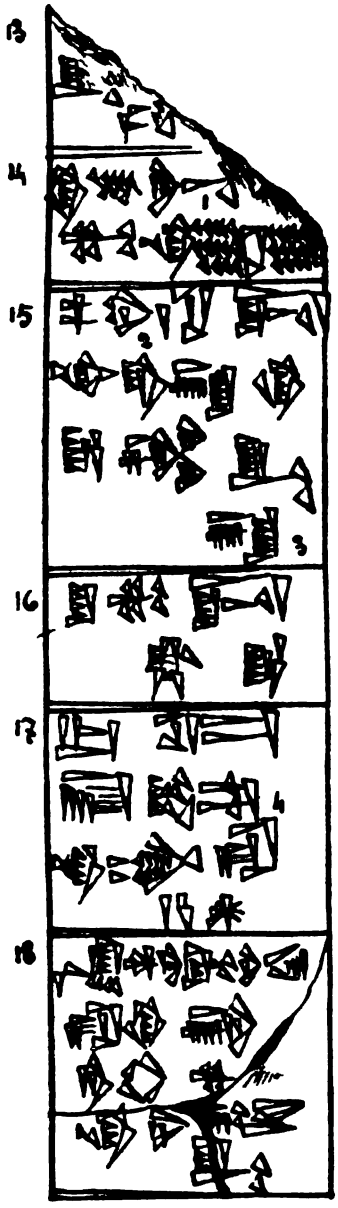

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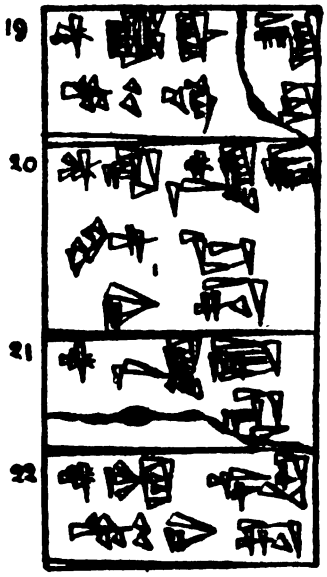

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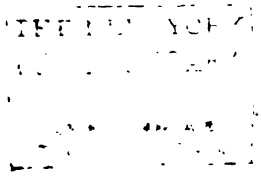

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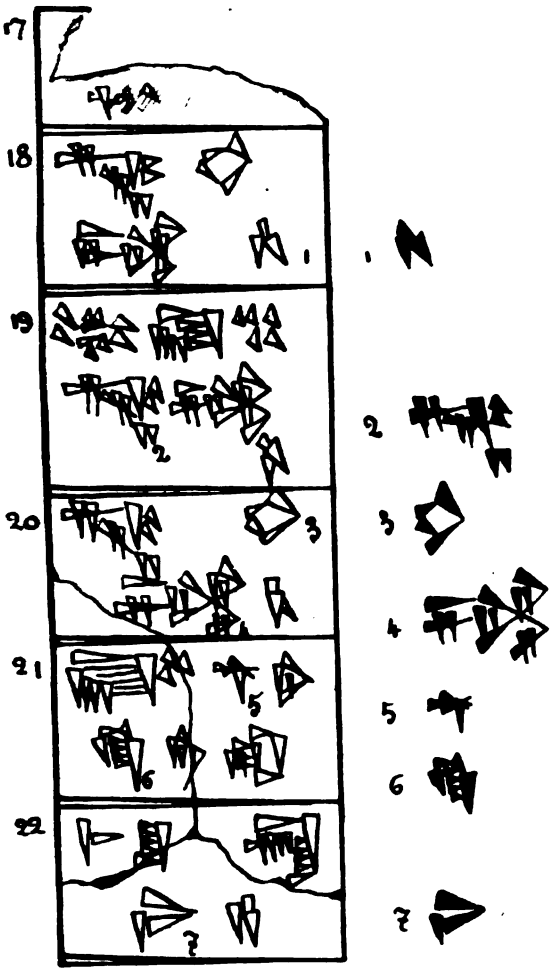

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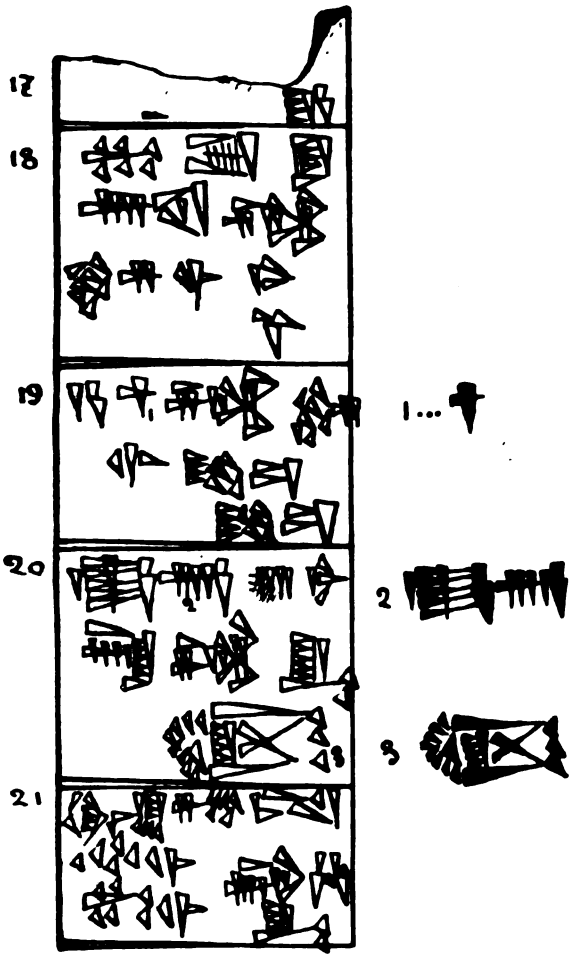

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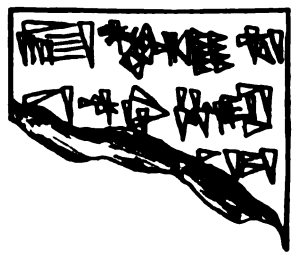

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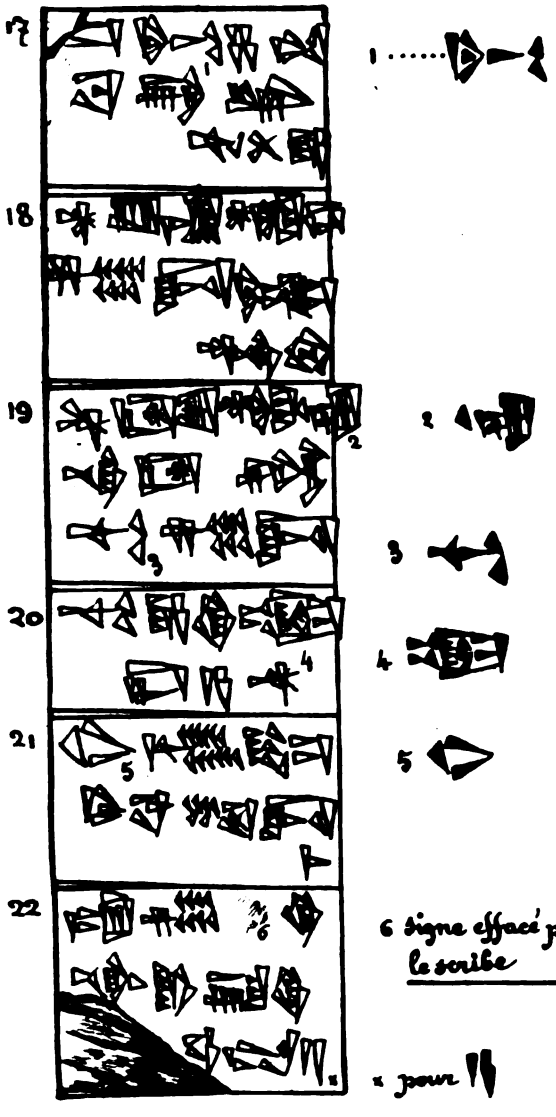

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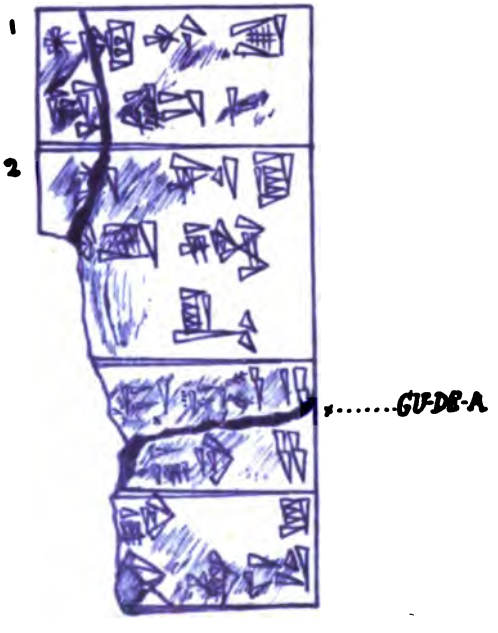

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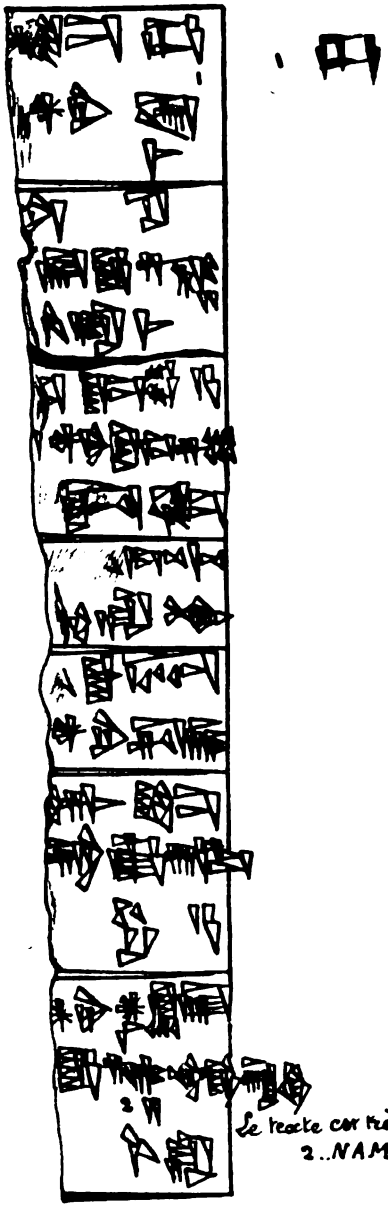

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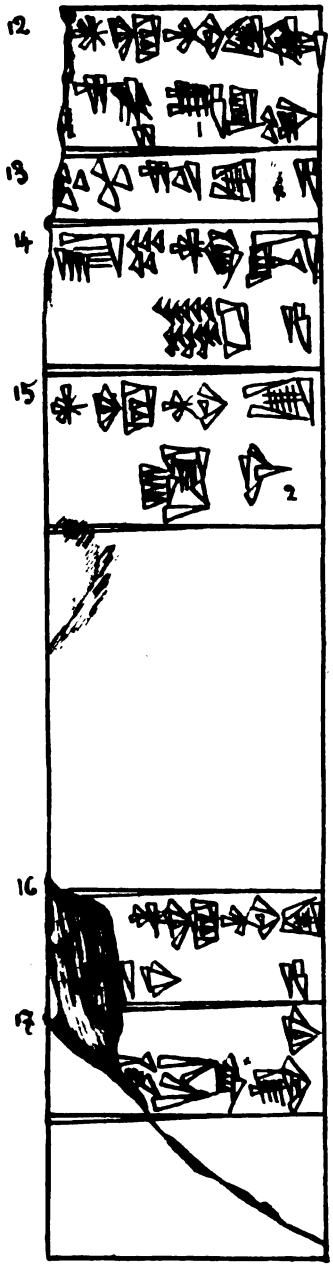

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